



## Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

*Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10*

### **Remembrance Service at St Thomas' Church**

This week, we have taken time to pause, remember and reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who served. Key Stage 2 sang beautifully and Year 6 read poetry, inspired by their learning. They have been working with Tim Chamberlin, local historian and Chairman of the Western Front Association East Midlands Branch, to learn about World War II and, in particular, the impact it had on families within our local area. Tim led the research behind the memorial plaque at St Thomas' Church, which commemorates Aslockton villagers who lost their lives in conflict.



During our Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November at St Thomas' Church, the children read aloud the names of the fallen from our community with great respect. We also welcomed Ian Hanney, a veteran of the Falklands War (1982) and former head boy at ABCA who wore his South Atlantic Medal and shared a short reflection about the conflict and his role serving aboard one of Her Majesty's Ships! RAF Warrant Officer, (and parent), Neil Woods also joined us – he is still serving after 30 years. It was an honour to meet them both.



Thank you to Reverend Tim for leading us, to Tim Chamberlin for his continued support and to everyone who joined us in this important act of remembrance.

### **Working Together**

If you ever have a question or concern about school, please speak to us directly. My door is always open and I will always try to help. Occasionally, comments about the school or staff are shared privately or online in ways that are unkind or hostile. This can cause unnecessary upset, especially when information is incomplete or inaccurate. In a time when so much information can be shared or misunderstood online, it's more important than ever that we talk to each other directly. Bringing questions to us directly means we can clarify the situation and, where needed, take action. Thank you for helping us keep our school community respectful and positive for everyone.

**High-Flyers of the Future** This week, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 had an exciting opportunity to take part in a fully funded Drone Coding STEM Day. The workshops, delivered by Code4Drones and funded by the Department for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority, gave children hands-on experience in programming and flying drones safely and responsibly.



The children loved developing their coding, problem-solving and teamwork skills while navigating drones through real-life challenges. It was a brilliant day of STEM learning and inspiration.



### Our Wellbeing Hub – Taking Shape!

We're sure you'll agree – our Wellbeing Hub looks fantastic! The inside is light and bright and our children can't wait to use it. As you can see, the building was constructed on a concrete base to ensure it was completed safely and to a high standard, and while we're thrilled with the result, it does mean our budget is now stretched.



To bring the Hub fully to life, we still need to fund the **plastering, flooring, heating and electricity** before it can be used by the children. If anyone has **skills, contacts, or ideas for fundraising or sponsorship**, PLEASE let us know. This space has the potential to make such a difference to our pupils — any help to get it over the finish line would be hugely appreciated. **Please contact the school office if you can help.**

**Anti-Bullying** Odd Socks Day was celebrated in school on Monday as part of our focus on anti-bullying. Children enjoyed sharing their colourful socks while reflecting on the importance of kindness, respect and celebrating difference.



### Thanks from Newark Women's Aid

We are pleased to share thanks from Newark Women's Aid for the generous harvest donation from our school community.

*Would you please convey our sincere thanks to the staff, parents and everyone who so generously contributed to the amazing harvest donation you so kindly delivered for the families in our refuge.*

*What a wonderful collection of items there was from you all, boxes of tinned and dried produce, biscuits, lovely baby and toddler sleeping bags, toiletries, sanitary products, cleaning materials and gift boxes.*

*Thank you all so much. It was extremely kind of you all to have supported our charity once again this year, and much appreciated by the women and children we shelter and support in refuge.*

*Many thanks and kind regards, Marlene Ferris Newark Women's Aid*

### Young Leaders

Well done to our Diversity and Equity Leads, Edie, Freya and Abbie who organised a food collection as part of their World Culture day. Here they are taking it to the local food hub at St Thomas'



### Operation Christmas Child

Mrs Chapman has passed on her thanks for all the generous donations

received for *Operation Christmas Child*. With help from her brilliant team of enthusiastic "elves", 21 shoeboxes were wrapped for children who might not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas.



## Feeling Proud



- ★ Finn was proud to serve as flag bearer for the Beavers at the Bottesford Remembrance Parade.
- ★ Last Sunday, Alex was named Player of the Match for Aslockton & Orston U10s after a rock-solid performance in defence, winning every 1v1 and helping his team to victory.
- ★ Jason has completed his Stage 2 swimming course and is now moving up to Stage 3 – great determination and progress.
- ★ Bradley has once again been helping his Nan and Grandad sell poppies in support of the Bingham RBL Poppy Appeal, raising thousands of pounds over the past three weeks. The photo shows three generations of the Woods family with proud RAF connections.
- ★ Clementine took part in a Remembrance service at Orston Church with her Brownies group – a lovely act of community service and respect.
- ★ Caspar was delighted to score two goals at the weekend and was named Player of the Match for Aslockton & Orston Football Club.
- ★ Poppy and Phoebe are super-proud of their swimming achievements.
- ★ Ross had a brilliant day at the UK Monster Truck Nationals - he met Kevin Talbot from *Game Over*, rode in a real monster truck and watched the freestyle finale.

***Congratulations to all the children celebrated in today's assembly – we are very proud of you!***



## Assessment Information

As we head towards the end of term, our usual end-of-term assessments in all subjects for Years 1–6 will soon be underway. These are short, low-key checks that help teachers understand how well children have grasped key learning and what their next steps should be. We use this information alongside day-to-day teacher assessment to plan upcoming teaching, identify any gaps and ensure every child is supported and challenged appropriately.

Some parents have also asked about **Year 2** assessments now that SATs are optional. At ABCA, we do take part in the optional end-of-KS1 papers. These take place in May and at ABCA, we refer to them as our “Secret Agent Training”, which helps the children approach the tasks with confidence and a sense of fun. We will share more information with Year 2 families nearer the time but if you have any questions in the meantime, please do ask!

Diary Dates	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Flu Vaccinations
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Foundation visit to Perlethorpe
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 visit to York returning on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 Nativity evening performance
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity afternoon performance
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Concert Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Games Day Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School for spring term.
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Choir at Young Voices Event @ Sheffield
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	CAREERS WEEK starts – please get in touch if you can help!
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Return to school
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school for summer term
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4&5 residential to Condover Hall, Shropshire returning on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week starts
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Residential returning on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return to school
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for children
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day

