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Dear Parents

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It was very good to be able to gather on the playground this week in an act of remembrance that marked 100 years since the start of 'Armistice Day' following the First World War. The two minutes silence was made even more poignant for children as a trumpet player from Merton Music Foundation played the 'Last Post'. This is one of the few times that we have gathered as a whole school and once again the children, especially the Nursery and Reception, should be commended for their reverence during this moment of reflection.

I am delighted to see year groups beginning to visit the cinema this term as part of their into-film initiative. Further trips will take place over the next few weeks.

Don't forget - school photos will take place on Tuesday next week, 16th November!

You will have received some information about the FOST 'Winter Ball' for children and Families on Friday evening. The disco times are staggered to ensure that the numbers are manageable, other safety features include some new air cleaning devices that we are piloting across the school as part of a pilot scheme in conjunction with Public Health England. We would also ask parents to consider wearing face coverings as well as taking a Lateral Flow test before arrival.

We are encouraging children to wear odd socks on Monday as we mark a week of awareness around mental health next week. Odd socks are a good way of thinking about mental health - there are times where we all feel out of our normal selves and mixed up. Sometimes we can't explain why but it is ok to feel like this and importantly we must create an environment to feel that we can talk this through and re-find our own 'normal'.

Finally this week we turn our attention to Glasgow as world leaders approach the end of the COP 26 environmental summit. Mark's Gospel helps us to reflect on the truth that only the Lord knows what we have in store. We must make the most of today. We should pray for the world leaders that they enable change to protect the climate for the children today so that they can enjoy a bright tomorrow.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.



Mr Dachtler

"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux

