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Dear Parents and Children,

Here is our newsletter for the week.

First of all a big 'Well Done' to the Y6 pupils attending Robinwood this year. Not only did they have a great time but represented the school exceptionally well with the instructors commenting how superbly they behaved. Thanks especially to Mr. Pratt and Miss Barker for looking after the children and giving up their time to be with them.

Thanks also to the parents of Y5/6 pupils who attended our information meeting regarding KS2 assessment. This is a crucially important time for the school and for the children as we all get to grips with new assessment materials and increased expectations and the more that you can do to support your child through this process, the better. If you were unable to attend, we will be holding Parents' Meetings before Christmas when we will be talking to you about how your child is working, their current levels of attainment and rates of progress. As always, I will repeat the age-old plea that you take time every day to ensure that you read a little with your children and that you restrict their access to electronic devices in the evenings, replacing some of this time with private reading as a last activity before they go to sleep. If there were one thing you could do to improve your child's chances of success now and later in life, this would be it!

Today we gathered to watch the Royal British Legion Silence in the Square commemoration and I was delighted by the children's attentiveness, sensitivity and respectfulness, particularly during the two minutes' silence. They demonstrated all of the school values admirably and it was a pleasure to be in their company for the hour. In uncertain times it is all the more important that you support us in instilling the values and characteristics of tolerance, respect and care for one another that often seem sadly lacking in so many people today. We have experienced several examples of parents not doing this over the course of the week. Children learn from what they see and hear at an early stage and they see more of you than anyone else so it is vital that you model these behaviours alongside the school- they form the core part of our work and go well beyond any individual aspect of the curriculum. All of our staff do this and you can be part of what we are trying to do by replicating this at home. I know that the majority of you already do this but we need everyone to be involved if we are to make a real difference to our children's futures.

I would like to encourage you all to give your children the opportunity to follow some of the Remembrance events this weekend and remind you that the service from the Cenotaph in London will take place as usual on Sunday morning and the Festival of Remembrance will

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be televised on Saturday evening on BBC1 at 9.00pm. These are worthwhile events for your children to experience, reminding us of the past and continuing sacrifices that are made by individuals around the world in order that the rest of us can hope to live in a world free from harm.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday we are holding a sponsored bounce in aid of Children In Need so please help us raise money for this worthy cause.

We hope that you have a peaceful weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson