



# Naphill and Walters Ash School

## Newsletter November 2020

### HSE Visit

The HSE are visiting a selection of schools looking at Covid procedures and we were lucky enough to have a visit this week. They were very happy with all our arrangements and could see that all the staggered timings kept year groups apart during the day. Good news, ventilation has to be balanced against hypothermia so we can close windows when cold!

### News

On page 2 are excerpts from letters some children wrote to soldiers fighting during WW1. The full letters are with the school wreath at the Village War Memorial. Three Year 6 children, along with Mrs Spinks and myself attended a short service there, led by Padre Lacey, on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



The children looked brilliant in their Halloween costumes just before half term. Many of them enjoyed being able to show their friends their outfits. Thank you to Ms Lonsdale for making up the sweet cones!

### More School News

We have had some enquiries about parents' evenings this term. I am still waiting for the Government funded IT provision to be set up so, as yet, we do not have access to a system that will link with our internal contact lists. This means that if we were to try and organise meetings either via Teams or Zoom we would have to email you individual links to each meeting, so about 340 meetings and email links!

I am looking at buying a package that would link to our internal systems e.g. one that would pick up your emails and manage bookings. I have a demo on Monday afternoon and then would need to purchase the package.

As I cannot guarantee when this would be set up by, I have asked the teachers to put some information in your child's Home School Diary about English, maths and general well-being. I have asked for this to be done by the end of November; if you then wish to talk to the class teacher about your child, let the office know and the teacher will call you. The teachers are more than happy to drop you an email, call you or, if in the case of a very sensitive matter, meet you face to face (albeit at a distance).

I am hoping that the technology will be in place for remote parents evening in the spring term.



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### Letters to Tommy

Tommy,

Seems like forever since I saw you. Much is going on here I bet it's the same for you. I have been looking after the family trying to farm the land to make sure we have what we need.

George Year 5

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Dear father

Life hasn't been the same without you. I know you are being brave and that you are being a hero, but I miss you and miss seeing your muddy boots on the mat.

Jack Year 5

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Your former friends and colleagues at Woodside Station miss the laughter you brought. They have been working day and night, shipping injured soldiers across borders to hospital

Amelie Year 6

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I hope you are back for my birthday Bob as it's nearing December days when I will be 10 years old. The best present I could ask for is for you home safe to celebrate with me.

Ben Year 5

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As you can see from these excerpts, the children wrote very moving letters and really captured the sentiment of someone writing to a loved one during the war. Well done children!