



A huge thank you to the PTA for our new trampette. The children at sensory circuits love it and it will definitely get lots of use.



## Parent Consultation

Hopefully you have all received communication about our Parent Consultations next week. As indicated by the parent survey, we know that parents have preferred a choice of virtual or face to face, so we have provided one evening for each. Please ensure you complete the slip to us as soon as possible, so we can arrange the appointments.

Thank you.

The Wednesday lunchtime gym club (12 - 12:45) is now open to years 1-6

email: [info@gymspireacademy.com](mailto:info@gymspireacademy.com) to book a place.

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8th and 9th November—Parent Consultations

## 10th November 2022 (INSET DAY mid-week)

11th November—Remembrance Day

18th November—Year 3 Assembly

18th November—Own Clothes Day for chocolate

24th November—Christmas Jumper Give-a-way

25th November—Disco

2nd December—Own Clothes Day for cake

3rd December—Xmas Fayre

6th December—Enrichment Day

7th and 8th December—KS1 and EYFS Nativity—afternoons

12th December—Christmas Dinner / Jumper day.

16th December—Christmas Assembly

Term 2 ends

3rd January—INSET DAY

4th January—Pupils return

3rd February—Class 4 Assembly

10th February—Class 2 Assembly

13th February—Half Term

## Don't Forget your Raffle Tickets!

You still have time to purchase more raffle tickets for the Xmas Fayre. I know many of you have come in to the office and asked for more as you give wider family and neighbours the chance to win too. We have some fantastic prizes, including £100 Cash & other cash prizes

£100 love to shop vouchers  
£100 voucher for Corkers  
Coffee machine  
Hampers  
Meal out  
Mystery Box  
And lots more

## School Council Fund Raising

Our school council, led by Mrs Campbell, enjoy leading some of our charity fund raising activities.

This year, they have decided to focus on Comic Relief in March as their big event.

As a result, the Children-in-Need event will be very low key in school. Children will be wearing their own clothes as part of our Chocolate theme day for the Christmas Fayre, but they are welcome to wear Pudsey inspired ideas! We will not be holding a collection in school, but should you wish to donate, there are numerous ways you can—in shops, the TV appeal or their website.

We are very mindful of asking parents for money or donations at this time of year, especially considering the current economic climate. We are doing our best to minimise these requests.

## Poppy Appeal

Our red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community.

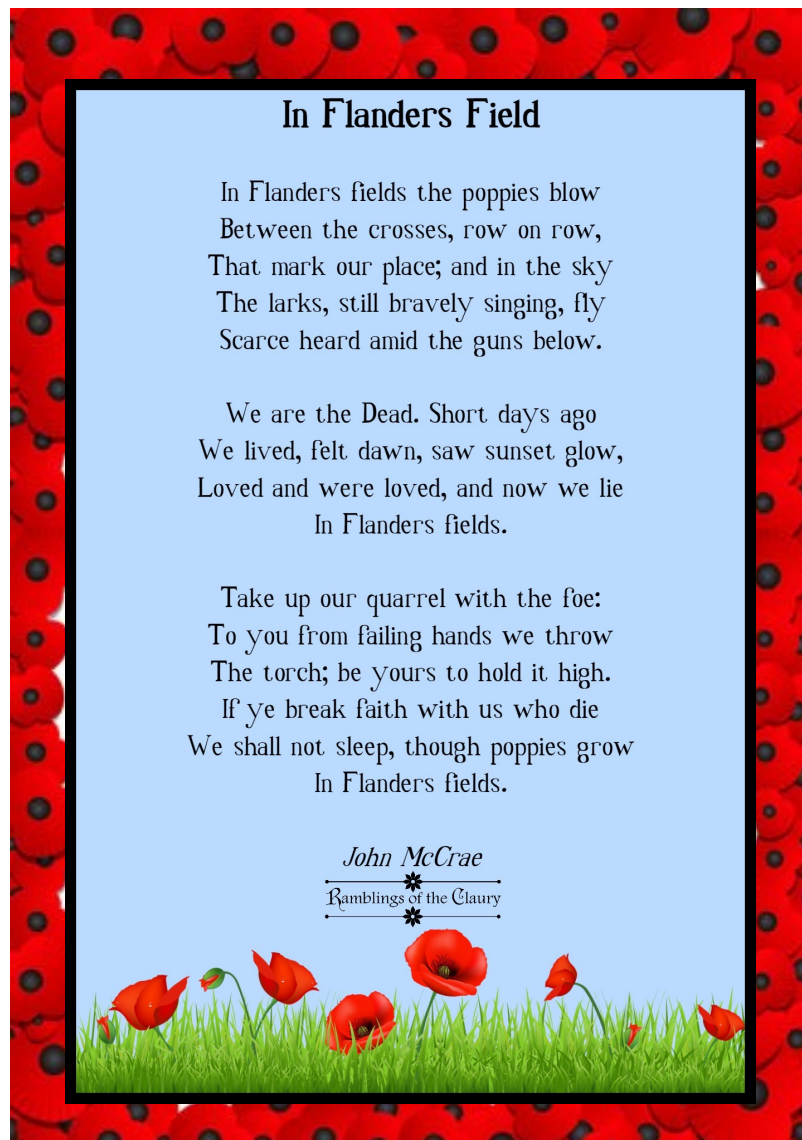
The poppy is a well-known and well-established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it. Wearing a poppy is still a very personal choice, reflecting individual experiences and personal memories. It is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support.

During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.

There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands.

Shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

**Next week, our Headboy and Headgirl will be happy to accept donations for a paper poppy. If you wish to make a donation, please send your child in with it and they will have the opportunity to choose their own poppy.**



# Christmas Jumper Give-a-Way



Are you having a clear out? Do you have any Christmas Jumpers that are too small? If so, please **donate** them to the school so that we can do our bit to help our families and the environment.

We are having a **Christmas Jumper Give-a-Way** on Thursday **24th November** in the school hall. All families are invited to come and see if they can make use of them and take them home for **free**.