



Thank you to Petra and the Vardy family for attending the Remembrance Service at Pateley Bridge on Saturday 11 November 2017. Petra laid the poppy wreath on behalf of Fountains Earth in memory of all the men and women who have lost their lives in service to our country. The money raised from the poppies and wristbands sold in school is given to The Royal British Legion. What a wonderful ambassador for our school!

### Vocabulary in school

Class 1 and 2 are taking different approaches to developing the children's vocabulary. Miss Aldridge is using story and books as a starting point for thinking about the way authors select vocabulary and alternatives that could have been used. Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Harker-Jones are linking words to spelling, exploring in depth 3/4 words over a 10 day period so that they become part and parcel of a child's spoken and eventually written vocabulary. Research shows that a 'sequence' of introduction works best. Can you do this at home with a word of the week? For example:-

Word '**reluctant**' taken from the story 'A Pocket for Corduroy'

**Contextualise the word** (in the story Lisa was **reluctant** to leave the Laundry without Corduroy)

**Repeat the word** so that the children have the phonological representation of the word (say the word with me)

**Explain the meaning** (reluctant means you are not sure you want to do something)

**Give examples in other contexts** as children need multiple contexts to construct meaningful and memorable representation of the word (someone might be reluctant to eat a food that they never had or be reluctant to ride a roller-coaster because it looks scary)

### Bags to School

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents etc. and our local community for their recent donations to Bags 2 School. A grand total of £108.80 was raised for Friends of Lofthouse Primary School. There will be a new date arranged for 2018 in due course.

Don't forget

EY & Y1 Phonics Workshop  
3.30 pm Wednesday 22nd November  
& Whole School Photographs  
Thursday 30 November 1.00 pm

### Children in Need

I am publishing this newsletter prior to the Children in Need ramble on Friday and so pictures will be published later. Thank you in advance for all your support, help and donations.



### Learning and Growing Together

Tonight I am sending home the final sheet outlining our objectives for 'we nurture and care for each other'. Chatting to the children about our motto and what it means to them was fascinating. Their ideas are displayed on the collective worship board.

### Maths Passports

Congratulations to

Thora who has completed Northern Ireland  
Annabelle who has completed Asia  
Otto who is now a Globetrotter!  
Archie who has completed Scotland  
Rachael who has completed Australasia  
Phoebe who has also completed Australasia

Thank you for your ongoing help and support in improving the children's mathematical recall.

A massive thank you to all the parents, children, staff and wider community who helped to make this year's rather early Friends of Lofthouse Christmas Fair a big success. The total profit raised for school was £686.

An enormous amount of effort from the FOLS Committee goes into ensuring that this event always runs smoothly .....

Many thanks to FOLS for so generously funding a high quality Bluetooth speaker for school use. This will prove invaluable in teaching dance in PE, providing music for productions in school, in the village hall and outside, and in every day teaching.

