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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd November, the Catholic Church celebrated All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. All Saints' Day provided us all with the opportunity to remember all saints and martyrs, who are known and unknown, throughout Christian history. All Souls' Day allowed us to commemorate the faithful departed. It provided us with the opportunity to reconnect through our prayers, masses and remembrances with our loved ones who have gone before us. It was also an occasion for us to reflect upon our destiny as members of God's Family.

With this in mind, and with Remembrance Day taking place on the 11th November, we will be compiling a 'Book of Remembrance' at Our Lady Catholic Primary School. In the usual tradition of the Catholic Church, we will remember in our weekly prayers the names of those associated with our families who are already in heaven. The 'Book of Remembrance' will be placed on the RE display table outside the school office throughout November. Children will be provided with the opportunity of adding the names of loved ones to the book throughout the school day. If you would also like a family name to be remembered, please feel free to email the name to the school office on admin@ourladys527.herts.sch.uk and we can add this to the book on your behalf. We would really like as many people to contribute to the Book of Remembrance as possible so that, as a school community, our collective prayers are brought together before God.

Remembrance Day:

This year, Remembrance Day will be celebrated across the country on Wednesday 11th November. This special day was originally chosen as it marked the end of the First World War (which ended at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, back in 1918). Looking ahead to next week, we are really looking forward to commemorating this special day with the children at our school.

Field of Remembrance:

As part of our commemorations, we are going to be creating a 'Field of Remembrance' in our Jubilee Garden to remember those that have gone before us. Each child will be provided with a large pebble and will spend time in class painting a 'commemoration stone' to place in our Remembrance Garden.



We are also asking for our families to work together to make a waterproof poppy over the next few days that could be placed in our special garden next week. We would like the children to bring their poppies into school on Wednesday 11th November. It would be a wonderful act of solidarity if as many of our families took part as possible to make this a real community event. You will find some useful links below that may help below. You may, of course, also have your own brilliant artistic ideas.

Plastic bottle poppies:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILPiavqj7mQ>

Polythene bag poppies:

https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/544161567478459726/?nic_v2=1a6MxWnRs

As this may involve cutting a plastic bottle, adult support will be required for this task. Please note that you can also paint plastic bottles using poster paint with PVA glue mixed in, rather than needing access to acrylic or spray paints. If you can find a way to attach your poppy to a stem that can be used to secure your poppy to the ground, that would really help too. Your child will be able to place their poppy in the 'Field of Remembrance' on the 11th November.



As ever, Poppies, wristbands and keyrings will be on sale during the school day. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion, who thank you for your support! It is vitally important that our children are able to feel a part of these important commemorations, thinking of those who laid down their lives for our freedom today and joined in prayer for a peaceful future. 'Lest we Forget'.

We look forward to sharing images of our day of commemoration next week with you on our Twitter and Facebook feeds.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Richard Curry