

## PANTO! Talking Of Panto..



Every child is bringing home a letter tonight with details about our Christmas visit to the Pantomime at Halifax Victoria Theatre.

Our drama club began rehearsing again this week. This term they are going to work on putting on their own Panto. This will be performed on the very last day of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.10am. All parents are welcome to attend. (There will not be a Good Work Assembly on this day)

# Hockey Highlights



Recently some of our children in Class 4 took part in a Calder Valley Cluster Uni-Hoc tournament. We took two teams. We played in two mini-leagues. Team 1 won their league and Team 2 came second in theirs. Our Team 1 then played Burnley Road (who won the other league) in the final and were

narrowly beaten 1-0.

Very well done to all the boys and girls. A huge thank you to Miss Robertshaw and also to all the parents

### 1914 - 1918 Log Books

who helped with transport and supported the children.

Another entry from our school Log Books written at the time of the Great War:

This time they are from October 1916 when illness was sweeping throughout our the school.

**October 19**<sup>th</sup> **1916:** Dr Lawson, Medical Officer of Health visited the school today to make inquiry as to the outbreak of German measles which has now assumed epidemic form. Number of cases, 20 mainly in Standards II and III.

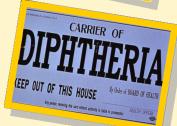
**October 24**<sup>th</sup> **1916:** Re-opening of the school. During the holiday the school premises have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected by the caretaker and sanitary inspector. At the end of the week there are now 36 individual cases of measles.

Although the measles epidemic seems to clear up by Mid-November the health issues were not over for our school as at the end of the year there is the following sad entry in the log book:

**December 8**<sup>th</sup> **1916:** Case of diphtheria which has terminated fatally.

How lucky we are to live in this age of modern medicine and the NHS.



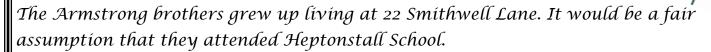




#### In Memory Of

Michael Armstrong (Signaller 10th Btn Lancashire Fusiliers) and

**Willie Armstrong** (Private 1st Btn Royal Warwickshire Regiment)



Michael was a bell ringer and Sunday school teacher at St Thomas' Church and also a local football referee.

Willie was a popular local amateur entertainer and worked as a tailor for Hollinrake's in Hebden Bridge.

Both brothers married and moved to the, what is now, the Greater Manchester area (Moston and Heywood).

Willie was killed in action on  $22^{nd}$  April 1918 aged 36 years. He is buried in St Venant-Robecq British Cemetery, France.

Michael was killed in action four months later on the  $26^{th}$  August 1918 aged 31 years. There is no known grave but his name is commemorated on Vis-En-Artois memorial in France.

Both brothers are commemorated on the St Thomas' Church WW1 Memorial.

#### Adopting Thoughts In Our Assemblies

National Adoption week will take place between  $15^{th} - 21^{st}$  October. We will be having a selection of stories in our assemblies about adoption.





The In/out song will be "Jessie" by Neal McCoy. An absolutely gorgeous and moving song – especially as at first it appears to be indicating one thing is happening before the twist in the tale and you discover

The search was over;

They fin'lly found her.

From that moment, life would never be the same, no.

Since they found the one and Jessie is her name.

They're bringin' their daughter home:

Jessie is a little girl at the orphanage.

Jessie is her name.

Click on the picture to listen to the song

