

9 November 2018

Heptonstall
Junior, Infant and
Nursery School

Newsletter



Town Hall Poppies

During the past few weeks all four of our classes worked on poppy displays which, along with work from many other schools across Calderdale, have been exhibited at Halifax Town Hall this past week. The exhibition runs until Sunday.



Class One



Class Two



Class Three



Class Four

Following my dropping off of the four exhibits pictured above at the Town Hall I received an email from Sue Hanson from the Mayor's Office at the Town Hall in which she thanked us for taking part and then added:

'What a spectacular display from Heptonstall J, I & N School. It is quite outstanding.'

A Visit To Remember



Just before the holiday Class Two had a visit to St Thomas' Church where they studied the World War One Memorial. The children then came back to school and made some bunting – each triangle remembering a name from the memorial.

My thanks to Graham Kidd for helping with this visit.

Remember (ance) Sunday!

A reminder that there is a special remembrance service led by Reverend Peter Calvert at St Thomas' Church beginning at 10.30am on Sunday.

Our school choir will be singing at the tree planting ceremony which will follow the two minute silence.

All our families are warmly invited attend.

From The Log Books

The penultimate entry I am going to feature in our short series comes from exactly 100 years ago, the week of 11th November 1918.

November 11th 1918: *Signing of the armistice for the cessation of hostilities by the plenipotentiaries representing the Government of Germany at 5am – Cease fire on all fronts at 11am (French time). Children were allowed to leave school a little earlier this afternoon.*

November 15th 1918: *School closed today in connection with armistice rejoicings.*

Hands up all of you know what "plenipotentiaries" means!?! (I confess I had to Google it!)

Next week we will have the final entry in this series from the Log Books - from July 1919 (when the final peace treaty with Germany was signed).



In Memory Of...

James Bancroft Prince of Wales Own (West Yorkshire Regiment)

James lived with his Aunt Elizabeth at 14 Archway, Heptonstall. He was a member of the Heptonstall Wesleyan Church choir and a member of the RAOB (The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes - one of the largest fraternal associations in the UK).



James became engaged to Miss Mary Hartley and enlisted in February 1916. He was wounded soon after this and died in Birmingham War Hospital ten months later in April 1917. His funeral was held at Heptonstall Wesleyan chapel where he is buried and also commemorated on the Wesleyan chapel war memorial.

This is the last in the series if "In Memory Of" that I will be writing for our Newsletters.

Our thanks to all those from the village who gave their lives one hundred years ago so we are free to live the lives we do today.

We shall not forget them.

Letters From War

The song this week is not to do with our assemblies next week but, in keeping with the rest of this Newsletter, is related to Remembrance Sunday.

It is the intensely moving song by Mark Schultz – "Letters From War" about the correspondence between a mother and son during a time of conflict.

The chosen lyric is :

*She walked to the mailbox
On that bright summers day
Found a letter from her son
In a war far away*

*He spoke of the weather
And good friends that he'd made
Said I'd been thinking 'bout dad
And the life that he had
That's why I'm here today
And at the end he said
You are what I'm fighting for
It was the first of the letters from war*

*She started writing
You're good and you're brave
What a father that you'll be someday
Make it home
Make it safe*

If room had permitted I would have printed all the lyrics which tell the full story. You can however watch it all by clicking on the poppy:

