

16 November 2018

Heptonstall
Junior, Infant
and Nursery

Newsletter



We Remembered

Last Sunday our choir was invited to sing at the Remembrance Service at St Thomas' Church in the village. The children then took part in a tree planting ceremony. The tree was a cherry tree – with the initial seed coming from the cherry trees that grew once again in Nagasaki/Hiroshima following the atomic explosions at the end of World War Two.



It was a memorable and moving service which, we as a school, felt proud and honoured to be part of.

Following the service, I received the following lovely message from The Reverend Peter Calvert:

Please give a very big thank you to the children - and Miss Priestley- for their efforts today. A good number of people stayed chatting after the service, and there was unanimous delight, which I totally share, in their singing - and for their presence at

the service. I felt that they helped us all to see Remembrance Sunday as a time for looking forward as well as backward, and that has to be a good thing. Personally I don't ever remember such a positive feeling during a Remembrance Sunday service.

So please do thank the children - and tell them that Mr C is hoping they'll come and sing again!



I have indeed passed the thanks of Reverend Calvert to all the children and I need to add my thanks too to all of you who came.

It was magnificent to see so many of our Heptonstall family at the church - from the choir and their parents, other school pupils (and ex-pupils) and their parents who simply just came along, and to current and ex governors and members of staff who also attended.

We have also received a really lovely letter from the Chair of Heptonstall Parish Council Mike Edwards thanking the school for their participation and saying how apt, poignant and well performed the sung arrangement of "In Flanders Fields" was.

Finally huge thanks to Miss Priestley. Not just for all the time she dedicates to the children but also the way she has got the children singing - which is wonderful. I can not remember in all my years in teaching of hearing children singing so beautifully and in such a moving way.

Their next public appearance of our choir is to be at the switching on of the Heptonstall Christmas tree lights on Saturday 8th December at around 5pm.



Heptonstall J, I and N School

Smithwell Lane, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge HX7 7NX

An Open Morning/Evening for potential new parents and children for Nursery/Reception places

Monday 26th November 2018

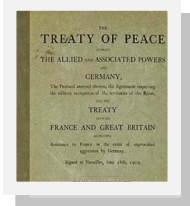
Come and experience all we can offer your child in terms of learning, happiness and a wonderful family environment where every adult and child cares for and respects everyone else - all set amongst the picturesque and tranquil landscape of Heptonstall Village.

Morning Session 9am – 10am | Evening Session 6.30pm – 7.30pm

No need to let us know you are attending – just come along! We look forward to seeing you!



Log Books 1914-1918



Our last visit to the school log books during this short series comes from just after the period of the Great War – July 1919.

It is one of the very few references to world events in our log books.

July 4th 1919: School closed today to celebrate the signing of the peace treaty with Germany in the Hall of mirrors at Versailles on Saturday June

28th at 3.12pm. Several children suffering from diarrhoea.

I just love the last sentence – how quickly the Headteacher, Lawrence Ashworth, reverts to normal everyday school problems.



I have found it fascinating reading the thoughts of my predecessor. Although at first I was surprised how little mention of the war there is in our log books I guess – just as we would now – the school itself carried on as normal and tried to make everything for the children as “usual” as possible.

I feel very lucky and privileged to follow in the footsteps of esteemed men like Mr Lawrence Ashworth who – to my mind – calmly and stoically led the school through a period of great change and at times sadness.

I hope you have enjoyed reading these extracts from our Log Books as much as I have enjoyed researching them.

Halloween Haul! Tots Time!

It seems a while ago now but thank you to all of you who supported the PFA Halloween disco. Not only did everyone involved have a great time – but the PFA also raised £450 which is brilliant. My thanks to Pippa Laverick and the whole PFA committee of dedicated helpers.

The next PFA event is to be our Christmas Fair which is scheduled to be on the afternoon of Sunday 9th December. More details to come soon!



Come and join us for Tots Time this Thursday for songs, fun and chatter! — Children from birth upwards (with a responsible grown up!)

Thursdays 9am—11am
Class One
Heptonstall J, I & N School

Assembly Road Trip

Next week is National Road Safety week and the children will be listening to stories which encourage safety and vigilance when out and about.

The In/Out song selection will consist of “Road” songs. One of my favourites is the song God Bless The Broken Road by Rascal Flatts (also covered by Carrie Underwood and – *ahem* – “Hannah Montana”!)

*I set out on a narrow way many years ago
Hoping I would find true love along the broken road
But I got lost a time or two
Wiped my brow and kept pushing through*

*I couldn't see how every sign pointed straight to you
That every long lost dream lead me to where you are
Others who broke my heart, they were like northern stars
Pointing me on my way into your loving arms*

*This much I know is true
That God blessed the broken road
That led me straight to you
Yes it did*



Click on the picture to listen to the song!