



30th October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Remembrance Day Poppy Project
#RedlandsPoppy

Here at Redlands our children are encouraged to display the Redlands R's and relate these to real life situations at every opportunity. With Remembrance Day just around the corner, the children have had the opportunity to consider their Respect, Remembering and Reflectiveness as they learn about the importance of Remembrance Day and those who gave their lives in battle to secure and protect our freedom. This also links in with our British Values.

As part of the 100th anniversary, the Sileby Parish Council have recently asked Redlands to create a piece of artwork to commemorate 45 of the fallen soldiers who originated from Sileby. We feel very privileged to be part of such a special act of remembrance and have worked very hard to ensure that every child in the school had the opportunity to support in creating this piece. The Redlands Commemorative piece will hang in St Mary's Church during the Remembrance period before being moved to a more permanent home at the Sileby Parish Council.

Along with our support of the Parish Council commemorations, Redlands would also like to recognise the importance of this date by creating our very own poppy field here at the school. As some of you may be aware, following the lead of a very special little girl, children and adults across the world are helping to raise awareness for a rare terminal cancer DIPG using #islstones. With this in mind, we would like to follow Isla's lead and decorate stones with poppies as a mark of respect and remembrance. Between Monday 5th November and Thursday 8th November, each child in the school will be given the time to paint a poppy onto a stone. On Friday 9th November, each child's stone will be laid alongside each other in the playground caged area to create our own Poppy Field. Each stone will have the #RedlandsPoppy and following the end of the day, every child in school can collect a poppy stone and take it home with them. In line with the #islstones movement we would like the children to rehide their stones in local parks, streets etc. to continue to raise awareness of the importance of Armistice Day and also to remember a little girl who changed the world with a simple but beautiful idea.

We hope that by using the hashtag #RedlandsPoppy we will be able to watch as our poppies spread the meaning of Armistice through retweets and posts across the web.

To support us in our task, we would be very grateful if each child in school could bring in a stone to be painted on Monday 5th November, please choose a stone that is a suitable size and shape for the task.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

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