



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



## THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, we are nearly at half term, and I think we can all agree it is much needed! I wanted to keep you posted on our staffing situation as quite rightly a parent has asked for an update. We know that covid has yet again influenced staffing with 4 teachers having been off work for some periods of time and two teachers isolating and working from home. We have also had 9 TA's off work as well as office staff. It is a reflection on the amazing team at school who are covering break and lunch duties so that we can maintain 'bubbles' and still keep the children learning. We are aware that Year 4NJ has had their teacher off for two days a week for some time, but we want to assure you we are trying to sort the situation and that all planning has continued to be provided every day. I will keep you updated as soon as I know more.

Thank you for the food donations provided as part of the Harvest celebrations. As mentioned before, if you would benefit from a parcel, just let us know.

Please have a lovely weekend.

Charlie Barwell  
Executive Head of School

### **Other Information**

#### INSET Day/Karate Club

Just a reminder that today is the last session for Karate Club this term, as next Friday is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils. The session today will be held outside.

#### Class Dojo

Years 3 and 4 have now received sign up details for Class Dojo. If you wish to join but are having trouble signing up, please email the office and we will help.

#### Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please speak to Ms Barwell, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, or one of our Deputy DSLs: Mr Atkins; Mrs Dunstan; Mrs Holme; Mrs O'Driscoll; or Mr Baker. Appointments can be made via the office at [office@thebattschool.org.uk](mailto:office@thebattschool.org.uk) or on 01993 702392.



## Class News

6HP have been reflecting on Remembrance Day and have created these stunning stones which will be displayed in St Mary's Church, Witney. We are sure you all agree how wonderful they are.



## Key Dates

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> October

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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

- INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
- Half Term
- SEN Family Get Together 10am to 12noon at Fat Squirrel, North Leigh
- Deadline for applying for a Secondary School place for September 2022
- Individual School Photos
- Flu Vaccinations for all Year Groups