



Friday 13th November 2020

# The Grove Valer

## Remembrance Day

Children took part in a range of activities to commemorate Remembrance Day. Children attended a virtual assembly where they took part in a two minute silence and reflected upon the brave men and women who fought in wars. We learnt about a brave soldier from the Great War named Khudadad Khan who was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1914. Children also created unique pieces of artwork and were able to buy poppies.



## Diwali Day

The reception children had a lovely day celebrating Diwali. They have made pakoras, used clay to make diva lamps and took part in a Diwali Dancing workshop. They have also had a Diwali party this afternoon where they ate party food and listened to music.

## Children In Need

Thank you to all the children who wore spotty clothes to school and made a donation!



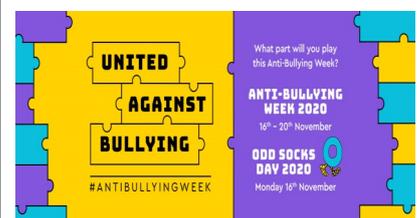
## Happy Diwali!

Happy Diwali to all our families who are celebrating!



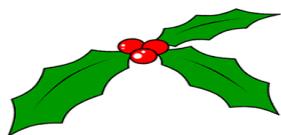
## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. On Friday 20th our Feel Good Friday will be all about anti-bullying. The children can come to school that day wearing odd socks to raise awareness.



### Christmas Cards

Please be aware that if children want to send Christmas cards to their friends, they can only send cards to other children in their year group. There will not be a post box in school this year. A letter about Christmas activities will be published next week.



### Book Fair

Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to have the book fair in school this year. However, we are going to have a virtual book fair. More info will be sent closer to the time.



16th November	Testing Weeks
23rd November - 25th November	Year 5 Bikeability
9th December	Theatre Production R-Year 3
11th December	Christmas Dinner
18th December	Effort Reports Sent Home
18th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
4th January	Return to school

### Reception new starters sept 2021

The application process has now opened for online applications for reception in 2021. If your child will be four during the year from 1st sept 2020—31st august 2021 please visit <https://sandwell.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

Closing date for applications is Friday 15 January 2021.

Please note that any children attending our pre-school still have to apply for a reception place. There is no automatic transfer. We will not be able to hold an open day this year, but we are going to post a video tour of the school and a powerpoint presentation by the reception staff. Please keep checking our school website for this.

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will take place on 11th December. Letters have been sent out asking you to confirm if your child will be having a Christmas dinner. Please note the you MUST order a dinner and pay for it using Schoolgrid. If you do not place an order, your child will receive a jacket potato instead of a Christmas dinner. If your child is in reception or KS1 or receives free school meals, you must still order a meal. Can you please order a Christmas dinner before 1st December so that the kitchen can order enough food. If you haven't activated your Schoolgrid account and need login details, please contact the school office.



