

12th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We have experienced a week of excitement, joy, fabulous cuisine and reflection at our academy over the past week.

As you may know, the school's **food bank** was very generously supported by the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church last week, with the school receiving donations totally over £1,100 at the church service on 4th November. My thanks to Reverend Bob for supporting our efforts to provide food to families who may be in need. If you would wish to access our food bank on a weekly basis, please let a member of the office staff know.

The children showed due respect on Friday, as we held a **two minute silence** to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which marked the ending of the First World War. Previous to this, children in Year 6 have attended workshops to facilitate a better understanding of the hardships faced by so many. Their artistic efforts are on display in the Creative Quarter and adjacent to the Year 6 classrooms.

Well done to the children who attended the **Festival of Remembrance** at the Leas Cliff Hall last Saturday, 10th November. As always their efforts were amazing and truly delighted the audience. Mrs Driscoll, Music Teacher, once again prepared the children well for this memorable event. Many thanks also to Mrs Renard, Mrs Richter and Mrs Cook who supported the children throughout the day. A great team effort!

Speaking of teams...our **basketball** teams competed well over the past couple of weeks in the Shepway tournament, with B Team finishing second and winning the silver award for their league, while the A Team finishing third in their league. All of the children had plenty of fun, demonstrated great confidence and good sporting attitudes throughout, thereby making us proud! Congratulations to all.

In a similar manner, the boys' football team distinguished themselves at Charing, playing well and winning the "friendly" match 3-2.

The **international event** which took place on Tuesday was simply phenomenal. Plenty of wonderful food, cultural information shared, and great singing. Well done Mrs Williams for organising this inspiring event.

As we look to the week(s) ahead, on Thursday children in Years 1 - 6 will attend Holy Trinity Church on Thursday, 15th November to witness the **confirmation of** six Year 6 pupils. It promises to be a solemn yet joyous occasion. Children will return to school before the end of the school day.

Please note that Friday, 16th November is **Children in Need** day, so once again we will hold a tag day to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

We are really pleased to announce that **SHINE** is going ahead at Christ Church CEP Academy! The Saturday morning sessions, which include maths and literacy learning taught in an engaging and experiential way, will be starting again at the end of November. We have just 38 places available for our Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils. If you are interested please pick up an application pack from the front office. As always places are allocated on a first-come basis. Any children wanting to join who do not get a place will be put onto a waiting list in the event that a place becomes available later in the year. All applications need to be submitted by Friday 16th November 2018

Finally, later on in the month, Mr Bingomeier returns to host another **BINGO evening**. The PFTA event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 29th November in the Community Building Hall, from 5.30 - 7.00 pm. You can book your table at the school office for only £1. There will be prizes for a line and full house, each game costing only 50p. All money raised by the PFTA is earmarked for improving our infant playground.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Kreiselmeier
Head Teacher