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Dear Parents and Carers,

There are certain events that happen each year that we have become very familiar with and are part of our national identity. This week we marked two such events.

On Wednesday, we observed Remembrance Day. All pupils listened to an assembly asking why we remember and looked at the consequence of war, particularly the impact on the nation of the First World War. We thought about the service and sacrifice made and the ongoing conflicts that are still prevalent in our world today. At 11am the school joined the national 2-minute silence acknowledging the service and sacrifice of our fellow citizens past and present. A Year 10 pupil, Anna Spencer, played the last post beautifully, it was a moving and fitting commemoration.

Today we have all participated in supporting Children in Need. Children in Need first aired in 1980 and in 40 years has raised over £1 billion. I cannot imagine there are many people who have not contributed over the years. Our pupils, and indeed many parents and staff will not remember a time before Children in Need.

Both events are of course very different but both align with our core values of Respect and Empathy. They both give thanks and support to sections of our community that are often forgotten or overlooked. They speak of a shared desire to make things better and work as one to bring that about. They educate us and challenge us to walk in the shoes of others and bring change to the world.

As we continue to live through the difficulties and uncertainties of the pandemic, it is important to remember we all have a responsibility to support and care for each other and show understanding for each other's experiences and concerns.

This is why our school values are so important to us and why we strive to uphold them. Sometimes we all fall short but we will keep on trying!

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Steve Lewis Head Teacher Fulford School

