

**This week** Greenfinch and Robin room have been thinking about remembrance and have shared the story **'Where The Poppies Now Grow'** by Hilary Robinson. There has been a lot of thoughtful discussion with some children producing lovely watercolour paintings and others reflecting some of this new learning in their block play. Little Owls have been sharing the story **'Hello Poppy!'** by Mandy Ross, which focusses on the poppy as a flower with a butterfly and bee visiting the petals. They have explored red and black themed playdough and sensory play.

Robin room have also continued their pumpkin exploration and are currently enjoying a pumpkin soup starter with their lunch.

Last week Greenfinch room talked a bit about pants and learnt a new song which I believe some of them were singing last weekend, mostly remembering the word pants and causing a little confusion! 'Talk Pants and Stay Safe' is the NSPCC campaign for younger children about teaching 'rules' to help keep them safe. You can sing-along with **'Pantosaurus'** on the NSPCC website as well as learn more about the campaign [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants) (be warned though that it takes a while to get out of your head once you've heard it!)

We have been notified of two cases of **head lice** in the Centre this week. Please check your child's hair this weekend and treat accordingly.

We have had a complaint from a local resident about parking around the Centre, particularly at 8.30am and 3pm and how it is making it hazardous for those cycling and walking to other schools in the village. Please can we ask you to park with due consideration to our neighbours avoiding the double yellow lines, pavements and parking on the corner of Saffron Road. There are usually spaces around the back of the Centre by the old school.

**A reminder** that children often need a change of clothes during the day for numerous reasons so please send them in with a bag and a change of clothes as well as coats etc.

**Remember** that primary school admissions have to be **completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** to be in the first round of applications [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions); if you need any help please ask.

**Key dates coming up**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Whole Centre closed for training. No sessions for any children.**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day for Nursery term time only children.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Nursery School closed for training day.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Little Owls closes 4pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – Little Owls opens

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Nursery School opens

Have a lovely weekend

Karen