



# Eden Park Academy

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## Children's Remembrance Service

Last week, 5 children from Eden Park represented the school at the annual Children's Remembrance Service in Rock Park, which is attended by all the schools in Barnstaple. We were also joined by a former teacher and military man, Mr John Murray, who was on hand to talk to the children about the significance of the event. We then met up with the school council from Sticklepath and it was a real joint effort to produce two stunning wreaths to lay at the service. Sticklepath Forest School team helped the children create the wreaths and Eden Park children made all the poppies that decorated them both.

The two schools then had their pictures taken with the dignitaries. A real collaborative team effort! We sold out of all our poppies and gifts so we are hoping a large amount of money has been raised for this deserving cause and those affected by injury and loss of loved ones, which we know includes many of our own families.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner



## Assemblies

This week in assembly we commemorated Remembrance Day and learnt about the role of animals in World War 1. We linked this to a talk from Mr Murray about his time serving in the army as a dog handler. The children also found out about why the poppy is such an important symbol for those remembering lost loved ones who have fought for our country.

## Covid-19

Because of the continuing high numbers of Covid infections in Devon, particularly in the North, Public Health England have recommended to all schools that they continue with their actions to lower the risk of transmission.

This means the school will be continuing with its current risk assessment (see the school website):-

- Staff will continue to wear masks in school in all communal spaces
- Visitors into school, including volunteers and parents, will be kept to a minimum and each will be risk assessed
- Additional handwashing, cleaning, etc in school will remain in place
- We continue to ask parents to wear masks when coming onto the school site unless medically exempt

Thank you for your continued support in keeping infection numbers low so that children are in school learning.

## Primary Admissions 2022/23

Applications can be made from 15.11.21 for primary school places starting in September 2022. This is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Please apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline). Further assistance can be found by emailing [primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk) or the Education Helpline 03451551019. You can view your offer on line from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## School Photographs

Tempest photography will be in school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to take individual and sibling photographs which will be available in time for Christmas. Unfortunately, we will not be opening this up to family members outside of the school this year due to our Covid restrictions.

## Children in Need Contributions

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Children in Need, £80 was raised for the charity.

**Important Date**-Non-Pupil Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December