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**Value for this half term:** **Perseverance**

**Theme for this week** (13 November - 17 November 2023):

**Persevering to finish the end**

**Life Skills theme for the week:** **We can be patient**

### ***Life in All its Fullness:***

Last Sunday, the 105th anniversary of the Armistice marked the end of the fighting in the First World War, but it wasn't until 28th June 1919 that Germany and the Allied Nations (including Britain, France, Italy and Russia) signed the Treaty of Versailles, formally ending the war.

This world war, with its mechanised and widespread conflict, dehumanised and destroyed a generation. It broke bodies, minds, spirits and hearts. There is, however, something remarkable within us, a spark of the Divine which refuses to be defeated, refuses to give in, hopes, prays and works for a better tomorrow.

Soldiers and civilians have died in so many wars and conflicts since that first Great War - the 'war to end all wars' almost sounds like a bitter joke; it rages on in Israel and Palestine, in Ukraine and Russia, and in so many other parts of this world. It is determined, vicious and takes little or no account of the innocent. However, even in the brutality of mechanised death, there is always a glimmer of hope and love: stories of compassion, of friendship and ultimately, one day, of reconciliation.

### **Acts of Remembrance in Harleston:**

At our school and in the wider community, there were deeply reflective, poignant and beautiful acts of Remembrance. Last Friday, in the secondary phase, we came together to listen to Mr Carr playing the Last Post and students reading ['In Flanders Fields'](#), in an area decorated with poppies and posters by the school community.

Also, our students were tremendous ambassadors for the school on Sunday, during the Remembrance Parade and afterwards, in the service at



## **Our Vision**

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live

### **'Life in All its Fullness'.**

(JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 13:34).

We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.



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### **Parent / Carer information:**

Here is information about a drop in to find more information about a variety of 'child exploitation' topics.

The drop in will be held in Norwich, at County Hall, on Tuesday 21 November.

Here is a link for the [Norfolk Children Safeguarding Partnership](#), where additional resources can be found.

Also, below is a reminder of information for families who are struggling with the cost of living:

[Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24](#)

[Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme](#) can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods.

### **Key dates for November:**

Tuesday 14 November: Class of '23 Year 11 Leavers' Celebration

Tuesday 21 November: rescheduled Year 7 Reading Evening - 17:00-18:00

**School website and X/Twitter:** The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [X/Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

**Getting ready for winter:** Now the weather is getting a little colder, it's worth knowing that students are permitted to wear black underlayers on their top and bottom half. They can also wear a pair of plain black gloves if they wish.

Could I also remind you that students need to wear black football socks for PE lessons, and these need to be a change of socks from their uniform. The grass is very wet and when trainers and socks get wet, it can be rather miserable (and unhygienic) to then wear wet socks for the rest of the day. Mrs Field

**Diwali:** Diwali is celebrated at this time of the year in the Hindu calendar. Here is some more information about this [festival](#) of light that honours Lakshi.

[Prayer for the world](#) in troubled times:

God of love,  
turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace.  
Amen.