

What have we been doing in school? Obviously, all the children study Maths, English, Art and all the other curriculum subjects laid out in their learning plans. However, it is one of the aims of Offwell School to enrich the learning, make it more meaningful and, by so doing, help the children to remember what they have been taught.

With this in mind, Oak Class have been studying the First World War as their topic (History). As well as looking at the causes, dates and effects we have also:

- Used the art installation of poppies at the Tower of London as inspiration in making our own ceramic poppies. You may well be able to see them in the church.
- With the selfless help of Mrs Whithear from the village a few of the children have knitted their own poppies.
- Mrs Whithear has also knitted a poppy for each child in Oak Class.
- Mr Tristram kindly lent us his uncle's letters from WWI. The children found the handwriting difficult to read but were impressed by the number of letters he sent between 1916 when he was sent to Egypt and September 1917 when he was killed.
- Mr Dunning, the class teacher, was delighted when Mrs Whithear came in with one of the Princess Mary tins that all the soldiers were given. The class had been studying those the week before so it made it all the more meaningful.

We have two events coming up in November to which we would like to invite all members of our wider school community as we value their contributions. Both events are on:

### **Thursday 22 November:**

**1.30 Open Afternoon in School.** A chance to look round the school and see what we are doing. The learning for the afternoon will be focussed around Mental Health and Wellbeing.

**6.30 Open Evening (Cheese and Wine) in the Social Club at Offwell Village Hall.** This would be a chance to meet the Governors of the school and have a chat.

