

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council, a local resident and also Friends of Newtown Linford Primary School for their donations to enable this memorial to be funded within our school.

We would also like to thank Old Cliff Quarry for their kind donation of the stone.

We are honoured that the following people have joined us today:

Lady Gretton Lord-Lieutenant.

Mr D Snartt - Chairman of Leicestershire County Council

Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood

Col.R Martin OBE DL - President of Leicestershire and

Rutland County Royal British Legion

Thank you to all who have joined us today to make today so memorable.

To me, the stone represents our tomorrow. From the people who gave up their lives, whether it was on the front line or at home. The hardness of the rock represents what people back then were fighting against, it wasn't an easy life and they really had to work. The fact that the stone will have an everlasting pride of place in our playground says to me that the people who fell in WW1 and WW2 will have an everlasting pride of place in our heart. The flowers next to the stone represent the flowers that some soldiers came to rest in and that are laid on the Cenotaph every year. The stones scattered at the base represent the soldiers tears, that were scattered around the trenches. FOR OUR TOMORROW THEY GAVE THEIR TODAY. Emma

Thank you to the Bradgate Public House for enabling us to use their car park for our special visitors cars.



## *Newtown Linford Primary School*



## War Memorial Stone Dedication

Tuesday 10th November 2015

## Running Order for the Dedication of the Newtown Linford Primary School Stone

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| Welcome and Introduction                  | Revd. Peter Hooper and Mrs Chorlton   |
| Opening Prayers                           | Daisy and Kieran  |
| Removal of Flag and Speech                | Lady Gretton Lord-Lieutenant.   |
| Abide with Me                             | Old John Class Brass  |
| Sharing of poetry written by the children | Emma, Jolie and Natalie   |
| Dedication Prayers                        | Revd. Peter Hooper  |
| Act of Remembrance                        | Revd. Peter Hooper  |
| Exhortation                               | Miss Lenton   |
| <b><i>We will remember them</i></b>       | <b><i>All respond</i></b>   |
| <b><i>Last Post</i></b>                   |   |
| <b><i>Two minute silence</i></b>          |   |
| <b><i>Reveille</i></b>                    |   |
| Kohima Epitaph                            | James   |
| <b><i>Amen</i></b>                        | <b><i>All say</i></b>   |
| Laying of Wreath                          | Marcel and Daniel   |
| Commemoration                             | Revd. Peter Hooper  |
| Children's prayers                        | Ellie, Kate and Eliza   |
| <b><i>God give peace</i></b>              | <b><i>All say after each child's prayer</i></b>   |
| The Lord's Prayer                         | Revd. Peter Hooper  |
| Closing Blessing                          | Revd. Peter Hooper  |
| <b><i>National Anthem</i></b>             |   |
| Thanks and Invitation to refreshments     | Mrs Chorlton, Mia, Bradley, Evan, Elizabeth, Harley, Ella, Jake, Grace, Scarlett and Stuart |



## Why a Memorial Stone at Newtown Linford Primary School

Last academic year at Newtown Linford Primary School started with our award winning entry in the Scarecrow Festival telling the War Story of 'Stanley Smith.' Our scarecrows showed his marriage, time in the trenches and also him being nursed by Edith Cavell. The children also included as part of the display a significant amount of written work which showed their level of interest and how important remembrance was to them.

Messages written by the children on poppies and by people who visited our display over the weekend were made into a memorial and laid on the grave of Private Joseph Spence on Remembrance Day. Here we met Mr T Spence, his grandson and we have enjoyed keeping in touch with him. We are also very pleased he is able to join us today.

At Christmas our oldest children acted out the Christmas Truce and also shared with us poetry they had written during their English unit of work studying war poetry.

It was at this point Mrs French started working hard with Mr Rowlinson to enable us to have our own War Memorial. Without their hard work and dedication we wouldn't have our stone today and to them we are truly grateful.

Our stone will now become the focus of our remembrance in future years. More importantly, however, it will be a stimulus for learning of all our pupils as they learn about the ultimate sacrifices made.

To me, our memorial stone reminds me all about the soldiers who went to war not knowing the sacrifice they were making. It reminds me of all the women who were forced to send their husbands and sons off to war and bring up children without them. Ellie

When I look at the stone I think of all the people that helped in WW1 and WW2. I think of the men that fell so that we could rise for our tomorrow they gave their today. Grace

The memorial stone is a great addition to our school because we can have our own service and it helps people to remember those who died in WW1 and WW2. It's also good because people who had families fight in the war can remember their family members. My great Uncle Jim fought in the 1st World War and survived but died in WW2. It's very upsetting so it is great that we have a memorial stone. Daniel

This memorial stone makes me feel cold and it reminds me of all the rough times the soldiers would have been through. I appreciate the fact that we are here because of those amazing fighters that fought for us. Daisy