

FORGOTTEN HEROES 8 – 12 NOVEMBER 2016

SUMMARY OF CHESTNUT CLASS FEEDBACK LETTERS

On the 11th. November 2016 18 children from Chestnut Class visited the exhibition with their teacher Mrs Willis.

On Monday 14th November 2016 they each wrote a personal letter to Mr & Mrs Middleton to thank them for the opportunity to see the exhibition.

All were very grateful for the opportunity to see the exhibition and in particular, the chance to “free browse” around the displays.

The combination of information, photos and paintings went down well and different pictures resonated with different children. Many said it helped them to understand the vital role of animals in the war, and they recognised the differing duties from moving casualties to ammunition transport and rampages. They also recognised the value of animals and horses keeping the soldiers company. It also helped them to better understand the War Horse play and the book which they had read and seen previously.

The talk given by Mrs Middleton and the booklet were particularly useful. The story of Sally, the only horse to return to Australia struck a chord.

Importantly the children reflected on the important contribution of horses in winning the war and several thought about how different it might have been if Germany had won.

Several children made a direct link to the 2 minute silence and seeing the exhibition gave an increased understanding of why it is important to remember those who gave their lives (human and animal).

One scholar commented that when they returned back to school they were quiet and respectful.