

11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Special Remembrance Service

Hamstel Infant School and Nursery held their annual Remembrance service on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. We commemorated this special event by sharing a Remembrance Day video in school which involved the sounding of the Last Post as played by members of Westcliff High School for Boys' Combined Cadet Force, who usually come to visit us each year to lay our wreath.

The children from Hamstel Infant School and Nursery have this year created a Corridor of Poppies with each of the children creating their own poppy themed art work.

The Hamstel Schools were officially opened on August 31<sup>st</sup> 1914, just twenty seven days after World War 1 was declared, and marking this special event is very poignant for all those associated over the years with 'The Hamstels'. As a rough calculation there have been over 70,000 children who have walked the corridors of our school, an amazing number of young people over many generations who have helped to shape Hamstel to be the school it is today.

We have chosen to commemorate this special event by sending each child home with a flag as a way of helping the children of our generation to understand the message of Remembrance. and to have a powerful experience they will themselves remember. The sound of a lone bugler playing the Last Post was a very moving moment for all.

At Hamstel Infant School and Nursery, 'We Shall Remember'.

