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Dear Sue

RE: Harlow Poppy Rocks for Remembrance Day 2019

We would like to help to educate the children of Harlow on Remembrance Day. Including the people from Harlow that gave their lives and what the poppy stands for.

In order to gauge interest from the children we are working in partnership with Harlow Rocks to create a fun and educating task which involves painted poppy rocks being hidden around Harlow this October in memory of the 128 soldiers who served and died in the First World War.

There will be a total of 129 rocks hidden around the town, one for each of the 128 soldiers from Harlow and one special rock to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Each rock will link to one of the soldiers and be numbered. Families are being encouraged to take photos of the rocks, add them to social media with the #HarlowPoppyRocks and then hand them in to the Civic Centre where a certificate about the soldier will be presented to the person along with a small commemorative token.

Hiding painted rocks and finding them has become a popular pastime in Harlow, with the council teaming up with Facebook group Harlow Rocks (<https://www.facebook.com/HarlowRocksssssss/>) to run this project. The project runs from 5 October 2019 and leads up to remembrance Sunday on 10 November 2019.

All rocks have been decorated by local people who volunteered their time to make them. The rocks have been kindly donated by Wickes.

There has been so much demand to make rocks that extra rocks will be placed around the town's war memorials for all to view, in addition to the 129 produced for the project.

We would really like the children of your school to go out and find the rocks. Whether this is as a team event within the school or just when they are out and about with friends or family. If you can advise the children this event is happening that would be great. Feel free to take pictures and don't forget to tag them to #HarlowPoppyRocks and @HarlowCouncil

For the latest information keep an eye out for #HarlowPoppyRocks on social media.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Souter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor Clive Souter
Chair of Harlow Council