

WE WILL REMEMBER

July 1st 1916 –

The Battle of The Somme



Today, July 1st 2016 children at Lindfield, together with the local community and Blackthorns paid their respects to the many soldiers who lost their lives. This battle was one of the worst of the whole war; on the first day alone, the British Army lost 60,000 men, of whom 20,000 were killed.

With the support of the local history group, the children in Key Stage 2 were given a background on how the war came about. They were introduced to a wide range of primary and secondary artefacts and were also tasked with finding out about how the war impacted on our village. They learnt that more than 525



men and women from Lindfield served King and Country and some of the names are still known as families in the village today. They also learned how village life was changed by events such as accommodating two hospitals and that the Lindfield Volunteer Training Corps, drilled three times a week in the old school playground.