



Newsletter: 13th November 2020

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Headteacher's News

This week we have been discussing our plans for Christmas. It is always a really vibrant time in school, and with a little creativity we are looking to do as many of our usual activities as we can. Performances will be filmed in school, and then sent out to parents during the final week of term. Parties will take place in bubbles, also during the last week of term, and these will just be spread out a little more than usual. Pantomimes will be watched in classes on the big screen, and classroom windows will be decorated – Fenwick's window style – for our Winter Wonderland event. I have added some dates to the calendar below, and we will confirm further details about these events soon.

I have added some reminders about Covid-19 below, so please read through them again. Whilst there has been some positive news this week, infection rates still appear to be on the rise. We have been very lucky not to have any confirmed cases from children or staff in school, but we are aware that this could happen at some point and just want to manage risk levels as well as we can.

Thank you, as always, for your continuing support. Mr Park - Headteacher

School Updates

Covid-19 Reminders

- **Please do not send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:** *new or continuous cough; high temperature, or a loss of sense of taste or smell. Feel free to ring school for advice if you have any doubts.*
- **Please remain 2m apart from other parents when dropping off and collecting your children.**
- **We also ask that at peak times, and where it is difficult to remain at a 2m distance, parents and carers consider wearing a face covering.**

Isolating

- **If anyone in your household needs a Covid test, the whole household must isolate. Children should only be in school once a negative result has been returned.**
- **Anyone testing positive should isolate for 10 days, and people living in the same household should isolate for 14 days, unless you are advised otherwise by Test and Trace.**
- **Please inform school if you need to borrow a laptop during isolation periods. We will endeavour to provide this where possible to support home learning.**

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to those of you who have already donated prizes for the Christmas Raffle. We had a fabulous Christmas Fair last year, and managed to raise enough money to buy class sets of ukuleles, and guitars. Hopefully, the money we raise from the raffle this year will also enable us to invest in some more new resources for school. If you would like to donate, please send anything into school by Friday 11th December. We will send information about how you can buy tickets, soon.

Remembrance Service

Well done to all of our Year 6 children who read during the Remembrance Service this week, and thank you to Reverend Michael for leading the virtual service. We hope to do something similar with our Christingle Service in a few weeks, but we will record the service this time in order to give more parents a chance to watch it at a later time. We also managed to raise £140 for the Royal British Legion, through the poppy appeal. Thank you for your support with this.

Children in Need

Thank you for all your donations to Children in Need. We have raised an incredible £247 for the charity. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Relationships and Sex Education Policy

A letter has been sent out today explaining about the new statutory Relationships curriculum which forms part of our RSE policy. The policy is available to view on our website, and you have any comments or questions, then please just get in touch. You will find a link to the policy, and further information about our PSHCE curriculum, below:

<http://www.esh.durham.sch.uk/our-curriculum/curriculum-content/pshe/>

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

Next week is Anti-Bullying week in school and we will be marking this with a number of activities across the week, including work around cyber-bullying. With children spending more time online than ever recently, we felt this would be an important topic for us to discuss. We will be starting the week on Monday by taking part in Odd Socks Day. Everyone will be asked to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate individuality, acceptance, and tolerance. Watch out for some photos on Twitter next week.

Christmas Cards

I would ask that children do not bring in Christmas cards from home this year, due to the amount of handling this involves. We will make class cards in school that can be put up in rooms instead.

Also, for those parents who have asked if staff will be accepting gifts this year, we would once again ask that you consider a charitable donation, or a contribution to school fund, which can be made through Parent Pay. This is not something we expect as a school, particularly at the moment, but the gesture is always very much appreciated.

Awards for Friday 6th November

<u>Star of the Week:</u>	Class 1 – Alice	Class 2- Oliver	Class 3 – Rory	Class 4 -Ellana
<u>Art:</u>	Class 1- Mac	Class 2 – Eden	Class 3 – Gemma	Class 4 – Sophie

Well done everyone!

Awards for Friday 13th November

<u>Star of the Week:</u>	Class 1 – Jacob	Class 2- Robyn	Class 3 - Jessica	Class 4 -Ethan
<u>Writing:</u>	Class 1- Phoebe	Class 2 – Lily	Class 3 – Ellen	Class 4 – Mason

Well done everyone!

Dates for Academic Year 2020/21

Please note, events are limited at the moment due to the uncertainty around restrictions, and everything will be subject to change.

Monday 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week starts – Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Dinner (Class 1 and 2)
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner (Class 3 and 4)
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Party (Class 4)
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Party (Class 3)
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Raffle Draw
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Party (Class 2)
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Party (Class 1)
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 4 th January	Children return to school
Friday 12 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Friday 26 th March	Break up for Easter
Monday 12 th April	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 10 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS begin
Friday 28 th May	Break up for half term
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day for Staff – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 th June	Children return to school
Friday 16 th July	Break up for Summer
Monday 19 th July	Inset Day for staff
Tuesday 20 th July	Inset Day for staff