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NEWSLETTER 04 - 13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for supporting us by following our Covid safety routines. I am very aware that normally this is a half term when we would see parents in school for community events, Christmas plays etc. These will not be able to go ahead this year but I would like to re-assure you all that staff will do their very best to create that Christmassy feeling within school for the children.

I realise it isn't quite the same relationship when you can't just have a quick chat with the teacher. I am very grateful to those of you who are communicating with teachers via e-mail or phoning the office and would like to remind everyone that this is the safest form of communication. As a reminder to everyone we will be putting yellow hatchings outside class room doors to remind adults to keep the 2m distance. Please don't let this enforced lack of personal communication stop you talking to us - as always the education of your children is a team effort so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

SPONSORED EVENT/MACMILLAN



A big thank you to all of you for contributing to this event. We raised the fantastic sum of £976, we have given £200 to Macmillan and the rest will go into School Fund for extra-curricular activities/treats throughout the year.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

It was lovely to see the children all dressed up for Children in Need Day, we raised the fabulous sum of £72 for this worthy cause.



READING

It is vital that you support your child with reading at home. To encourage your children to do this willingly we have an incentive system in school. We count the number of recorded (written in your child's Reading Record) reads each week and children progress through a range of rewards leading up to a trip to the park.

We have sent an e-mail about an electronic reading book system which we hope will support all children by giving access to more books at their individual reading level. This system will also enable reading to continue daily if a child needs to self-isolate or a bubble pops.



NURSERY PLACES

As you may or may not be aware we allocate Nursery places on a date of application basis. I am always keen to ensure that siblings and children who live in the local community get priority. Please will you encourage friends and neighbours with young children to apply for places in Nursery as soon as possible. A form can be collected from the office or is available on our website.

CHRISTMAS CARD KITS



To reduce the number of items coming into school (Covid again!) we will not be allowing individual Christmas cards in school this year. To compensate for this and give the children something extra to do in these lockdown weekends we will be sending home a Christmas card kit on Friday 27th November. This will include resources to make one Christmas card from your child to their class. These will then be displayed in classes.

DIARY DATES

Friday 27 th November	Christmas card kits sent home
Tuesday 1 st December	Production of the Night before Christmas (Theatre group in school)
Thursday 3 rd December	Reindeers visiting school
Friday 4 th December	Year 2 deadline for Phonics test (missed in Year 1) to be completed
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner for Oak, Willow & Rowan Classes
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Raffle Draw
Tuesday 15 th December	PM - Oak Class Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 th December	AM - Nursery Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 th December	PM - Willow Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th December	PM - Rowan Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	Break-up for Christmas holidays
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day - no pupils in school
Tuesday 5 th January	First day back after Christmas

As always please come and speak to me if you have any worries or concerns, the door is always open - be it via e-mail or in person!

J Cook

Joanne Cook
Head Teacher