

## Newsletter 11.12.20

### Happy Christmas

As we come to the end of another busy term I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication this term. As the children returned to school, with the country still in the middle of a pandemic in September we had to rethink not only the layout of the classrooms, but also the teaching and support for learning across the whole school. We also had to plan for the many different scenarios around bubbles and possible closures.



The transition was smooth and without complaint and as always the children and their needs and wellbeing have remained at the heart of all of our decisions. Over the coming months we will continue to adapt and hopefully, it will not be too long before we can welcome parents and carers into school again to share the wonderful learning that is taking place.

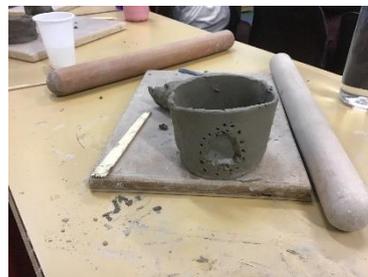
I wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Our term starts on the 4<sup>th</sup> January with a training day for teachers. The children will return on the 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### Children in Need

Thank you for your support for Children in Need. The online donation system was very effective and we raised an amazing £460.50. All of this money has been sent directly to the appeal.

### Our Learning

The children in Year 3/4 have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week! We have had fun designing and making our own festive tea lights in Art this week, using lots of different clay techniques. We are looking forward to being able to use them over the holiday!



Cherry class have been reading lots of Christmas books this week. Our favourite so far is 'Father Christmas Needs a Wee' by Nicholas Allan!

We are well into Christmas festivities in Preschool now. We have enjoyed learning about 'The Snowman' and were lucky enough to have real snow! We have had lots of fun in our Santa's grotto role play corner, wrapping presents, decorating the tree, writing lists and checking them twice!



## **Governor news**

Many thanks to all of the members of our governing body who have supported us throughout this year with many virtual meetings.

### Parent Governor Nominations

As you may remember we requested nominations for parent governors earlier this term. When the nomination period closed on the 23rd November we had received two applications. As we currently have two parent governor vacancies both candidates are automatically elected as parent governors unopposed. Therefore, I am delighted that Mr Irwin and Ms Savvouri have joined the Governing Board.

Mrs Weston Chair of Governors

## **FOSP**

Many thanks to the FOSP committee for their innovative and successful fund raising this term. We have missed the traditional events but we have also enjoyed the new activities and as always the money raised has helped us to provide creative, enrichment activities to support learning.

Although there was promise of funding for schools to cover the additional costs associated with Covid we have yet to receive any money to help with the additional costs of cleaning, PPE and hygiene. Therefore, the money raised helps to alleviate the already significant impact on our budget.

## **Winter Reading Challenge at Coggeshall Library**

Come to the library from this Saturday and collect a giant bookmark and that's all you need to do to sign up to our Winter Reading Challenge. Then read 6 books before the end of February or as many as you can manage and each time you finish one, bring your bookmark back to us and we will stamp it. When you've finished the challenge you get a gold star for your bookmark. As an extra activity you can also colour in one of the characters on the back of your bookmark. We have lots of new books in for you to choose from and look forward to seeing you. We hope you enjoy this challenge.