



# Newton's Weekly Newsletter



## Week Ending 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of a long and challenging term and I want to thank you for your patience and understanding with regards the changes we have had to make and disruption to the children's education caused by Covid. Our aim has been and will continue to be the safety and well-being of the children, staff and all members of our school community. We know that all children have missed some of their learning this term, with some children missing a substantial amount of learning time due bubble closures and self-isolation. Many of you have supported your children to make full use of Google Classroom in order to minimise the disruption to their education and be assured we have plans in place to 'catch-up' where necessary.

As we are all aware the virus is in no way under control and we will be faced with similar challenges when we return in January. All Havering schools have been provided with Covid tests which have been given to all staff members to be administered before returning to school to ensure they are Covid free before coming back to work. Hopefully I should have all tests results returned before the beginning of term so that I will be in an informed position as to the numbers of staff absent due to positive results. Hopefully there will not be many positive cases amongst staff and we can reopen safely on the 5<sup>th</sup> January as planned.

Thank you to all the children who entered the Christmas homework challenge. We are currently uploading pictures of all the decorations to our website in our gallery section; please do take a look at all the amazing creations. We will let you know who the winners are in the New Year!

Miss Green has been continuing her aim to keep our children engaged in borough wide competitions (virtual of course), with a very successful outcome for Newtons. She encouraged the children from across the school to enter a Cultural Competition which involved **KS1** children submitting a drawing of their favourite game or activity to play indoors. **KS2** children had to create/design a new active game or activity for the classroom to include a picture and brief instructions of the activity. Well done to Midusha and Shaira who were selected as our winners for the cultural competition. Shaira has been selected as the overall KS2 competition winner and the school will get a £50 amazon voucher that will be sent to the school for us to use for PE equipment. Prizes will be given to both children in the New Year.

We are launching a new curriculum in January and all classes are planning a 'memorable experience day' to launch their topic. This may involve dressing up as a historical character or a practical day making potions. Letters will come out to you informing you what, if anything you need to prepare for this. We are very excited about this new curriculum as we know it will inspire and motivate the children to learn new knowledge and skills in a very fun and interactive way.

Please stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan