



Newsletter

20th November 2020

What busy weeks we are having! As well as lots of learning, we are taking part in several different fun events too. The children are being wonderful as always especially during such a strange period of time. Just to let you know that we are looking forward to Mrs Langley making a phased return from Wednesday 25th November. Mrs Aguayo has been able to offer consistent support to the children through this time and we are grateful to her.

The PTA have been busy ensuring the children have as many of the usual events. Thank you for continuing to support the school.

Some of you might be aware that Colin Bailey (mostly known to the children from our church services) has been very unwell so he and Rose are certainly in our thoughts and prayers.

Anti-Bullying week

As part of anti-bullying week, we have reviewed the Anti-Bullying Policy and this is attached for you to look at. If you want any further advice or support, please visit the anti-bullying website. We all came in odd socks on Wednesday to show it's OK to be different! The children have been thinking about what is bullying and what they could do if they thought they were being bullied.



One child said 'We don't need anti-bullying because there isn't any bullying!'

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

Mental Health support

We know that this is a difficult time for some children so I have put links to useful information on the RSHE page of the website. There is information and links to services which offer support to parents who are worried about their child's health and well-being during this time. BEAM is operating a telephone consultation service and parents can make a request via email.

This information is on our school website. Follow the website links—
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Covid-19

There is now a Covid-19 page on the website and can be found by clicking on the 'Key Info' tab. Here you will find all of the information sent to parents in one place. Thank you for your continued support with all the measures – we think you have been brilliant!

Do remember if anyone has any of the symptoms the whole family must start a period of isolation until the result of a test is obtained.

Face coverings are to be worn when on the school site please.

Diwali



Yellow and Green class had a Diwali day where they learnt about people who celebrate it and some of the traditions that are carried out each year. Hannah and Jovan shared the way in which their families celebrated Diwali by making guest appearances on the virtual assembly – they did a great job!

Christingle



On Wednesday 25th November, Garry will be doing a You Tube Christingle Service. He and Vera are making Christingles for all of the children. If you would like to support the charities- The Children's Society and Ho Ho Ho Santa Appeal, you can bring a cash donation in a sealed envelope or gifts (unwrapped) and there will be a **box outside** for these to be put in.



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Christmas



PTA Christmas Shop – Children can put their request forms and money in the class boxes from next week. We are hoping to do the shop during the week beginning 7th December. The slips and money must be in sealed envelopes – thank you.

Cards - We know that the children love to give cards to each other at this time. Cards can be posted in the class boxes not earlier than Monday 30th November and no later than Tuesday 8th December. We will give them out on Friday 11th December. No cards to come to school in the last week of term.

Performance

We are going to try and put together 'Christmas Around the World' where each class will contribute to it. Children might be asked to come to school in a simple costume e.g. bright clothes and will be something you have at home and that children can wear for the day in school. This will be filmed and put as a link on the website.

Christmas dinner

The children will eat in their class groups as they are doing now. They can wear a Christmas jumper on this day.

Celebration Assembly



We all manage to get together virtually on a Friday where we celebrate all the great things that have been going on and all our amazing children. Keep an eye on the website for all our weekly awards.

Our Christian value this half-term is Responsibility.



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Dates

All of the events are on the calendar on the website

Monday 23rd November – Individual photos

Wednesday 25th November – Christingle Service by Garry

Friday 27th November – ‘Break the Rules’ day (PTA fundraiser)

Monday 30th November – Tuesday 8th November – Christmas cards can be brought to school.

Wk beg 7th Dec – Christmas shop (PTA fundraiser)

Tuesday 15th December – Virtual Panto ‘Cinderella’ for all classes (funded by the PTA)

Visit by Father Christmas and a gift (PTA funded)

Thursday 17th December – Christmas parties

Friday 18th December – Last day to attend.

Don't forget, the drop boxes will be available for children to put their 'Break the Rules' money and slip in, the Christmas shop present request forms and donations to support Garry's charities.

Have a lovely safe weekend.

J. Derrer