



## Christmas Newsletter (2)



It is hard to believe that we are now a week into our second national lockdown of 2020. What a difference a year makes! If anyone had told me what was going to happen in 2020, I would just not have believed them!

However, we are determined that we are going to give the children one of the best school Christmases ever. We are only too aware of the many events and occasions they have missed out on this year so are going to make sure they have a truly magical Christmas with us in school.

As you will read later, everything will have to be slightly different, but we will still have our Christmas Parties, the Christmas Fair, a Christmas Dinner, our Christmas Shopping Experience with the Friends of the School, our annual Christmas Carol Service and Christingle, a Christmas Theatre Experience and we also intend to organise a special Outdoor Winter Wonderland for the children. The children will not miss out but you will I am afraid because obviously we just cannot invite parents and carers into school at the moment. However, I am sure you will all agree that it is the children who are the important ones and as long as we are doing everything possible for them, you will just have to enjoy it all through the power of Twitter!

The children are working hard in school on a daily basis and will continue to do so. However, we also feel that we need to give them a degree of normality. The anticipation of Christmas is just lovely to witness in the children and I am sure you will agree that the children's growing excitement about Christmas can be catching.

Our school is such a happy place at the moment with great behaviour and attitudes from our children – it really is a pleasure to witness! They are working hard, enjoying great success and just making the most of being with their friends.

It is hard when a class or bubble have to self-isolate – it always seems to happen when we have something fun taking place in school too! Obviously, this is just the way it is at the moment but I cannot thank you all enough for your support when this happens. It is tough for the children and for yourselves – we understand that totally. However, the fact that you are able to support your children at home, combined with the fact that we just continue teaching the work as planned and they just pick this up at home rather than at school, means that it is a seamless learning experience for them.

I have put some of the key dates in the Diary Dates but please note that these all remain provisional. Things do change quite rapidly in the world at the moment so future letters could well supersede the dates given here. However, hopefully, there will be no more major changes so that we can just go ahead with everything planned as stated here.

As usual, if there is anything at all that you want to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

*Jane Davis*

### Staff News



#### Kitchen Staff

As you are aware, our school cook left to start a new job elsewhere and one of our kitchen assistants has retired after working 23 years in school. So there have been some temporary changes taking place in our kitchen.

Mr David Southern has taken on the role of School Cook while Miss Rebecca Lawler and Mrs Jackie Hardy are working as kitchen assistants. They seem to have gelled exceptionally well in a very busy kitchen! Let's hope they all survive making Christmas Dinner for nearly 400 children!



## Mrs Grieve

Mrs Ruth Grieve will be leaving us on 11<sup>th</sup> December as she has decided to retire early. I know this decision has not been made lightly and she really is very sad to be leaving us all. Mrs Grieve has worked with us for 8 years after joining us from a Durham secondary school. During that time she has taught right throughout the school – from Nursery to Year 6 – and has been a really invaluable member of the team.

However, both of her daughters have had babies this summer and she has decided to take early retirement so that she can see something of her adorable grandchildren and family – and who can blame her?!

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be her final day with us, although we do hope, that, once this pandemic is over, she will return, albeit on a part-time basis. It just sometimes makes saying goodbye slightly easier if you know they will be back at some point.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Grieve who has been such a hard-working, dedicated staff member over the years she has been with us. Her input into school life, the children's education as well as our thriving netball groups, has been first class.

However, I know you will all join with me in wishing her all the very best for her future happiness as a doting grandmother! Our loss is their gain...



## Friends of the School



We are really lucky to have a very enthusiastic and supportive group of parents who are keen to support the school and children in every way possible. Unfortunately, the social events are on hold at the moment, but behind the scenes, they are still working very hard. Please read the information below very carefully about their forthcoming Christmas Shop! This was exceptionally popular last year and allowed children to purchase small gifts for their loved ones which was especially appreciated by single parent families. The looks on the children's faces, as well as the chatter when choosing their gifts, was just wonderful to witness. It really is true that the gift of giving is almost better than the gift of receiving!

*We are working extra hard to make the Christmas Shopping event happen again this year - please keep an eye on the Friends of Lanchester EP Facebook page and Twitter, where information on how to order will be released as soon as it is available.*

*As usual, gifts will be £2 each. To keep the event safe for everyone, all ordering and payment will be done online – just follow the link: <https://form.jotform.com/FoLEP/christmas-shop>*

*Once orders have been received, children will be shown a selection of gifts in school. They will choose the gifts and their order will be delivered to school in December for them.*

*Due to the huge amount of admin involved in this project we would appreciate people placing orders as soon as possible once the link is available and ensuring that advertised deadlines are met. The deadline for placing orders will be **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** and it is hoped the link will be out to you all next week.*



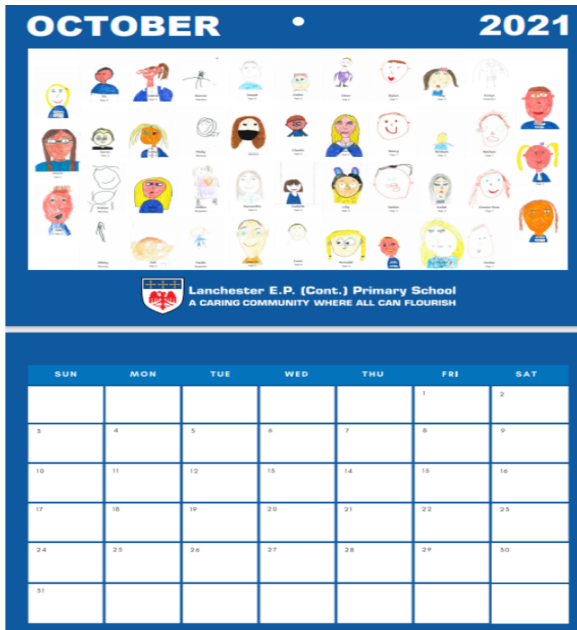
## Wellingtons



If anyone has any spare wellingtons that children have outgrown that would be suitable for KS2 children (ages 7-11), we would really appreciate your donations. We often have visits to Forest Schools and spare wellingtons always come in very handy. Thank you!



## Christmas Fundraiser



Our School Calendar will be on sale until Friday 27th November. This is just a reminder that if you would like to buy a copy of the Lanchester EP Primary School Calendar, they are available via ParentPay for £5.00 each and would make lovely gifts for grandparents this year. They are also lovely to have as a keepsake of your child's time in school too.

These are available until 27th November. Please note, these are definitely £5 per calendar – it says £50 on ParentPay but it manually adjusts to the correct amount when it hits your basket. If you are unable to purchase one via ParentPay, please email the school office with your order and drop in your payment. Any profit we make from the sale of these calendars goes to help fund the wonderful activities that your children take part in with the school.



## Calendar Competition Result



As well as asking all of the children to draw a self-portrait to feature on their month of birth, we had a competition in school for the children to design a picture for the front cover – the theme was 'Lanchester and our Community.' We had some wonderful designs to judge and because of the quality and effort that had obviously gone into some of the entries, we found it impossible to just choose one overall winner.

Therefore, we decided to have the top four designs! The pupils whose artwork will feature on the front cover of our calendar are: Eva B and Ellie S in Year 3 and Ellie K and Ciaran B in Year 5.

Congratulations to them all and prizes will be given to them this half term.

## Juice Fund



Each half term, we ask for a donation of 50p per week for each child to contribute to the numerous extra activities and treats we have in school. This money goes towards our juice and biscuits which the children have in every class one day during the week, to give them all the opportunity to have a bit of chill time. We feel is especially important this year with all the extra worries and stresses occurring out in the 'real world'.



We take the well-being and mental health of the children in our care very seriously and try to put as many things in place as we can to help your children feel special and part of a community. This donation of 50p per week, or £3.50 for the term, goes towards all these little extras that we believe make our community so supportive and special. This is available to pay for via ParentPay.

## Year 6 Topic Work



Year 6 began our exciting final year at Primary School by studying 'Gods and Mortals', primarily focussing on Ancient Greece. We produced some fantastic Greek pottery and we also had the opportunity to build our own Greek Parthenon - some of these seemed to take almost as long to build as the original! We also studied the Ancient Olympic games and discovered lots of interesting facts.



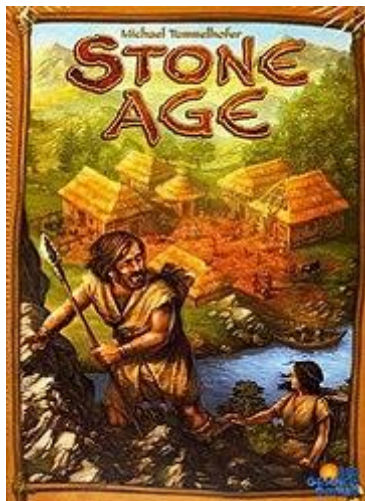
This half-term we are doing 'Darwin's Delights' where we will be learning all about evolution. We will also be doing lots of Art through drawing plants and animals.

## Captain Chemistry



As part of our engage moments linked to our Science work, we have welcomed Captain Chemistry into our school. To date, he has worked alongside Years 3, 4 and 5 introducing and developing the children's understanding of their Science topics. Each session has included many opportunities for practical enquiry and discussion, and have been thoroughly enjoyed by pupils. We look forward to working with Captain Chemistry more over the rest of the year in other classes throughout school.

## Year 3 Topic Work



Last half term, the Y3 children began their Cornerstones topic on Tribal Tales by investigating the Stone Age. This linked really well to our English work which was about the story of 'Stone Age Boy.' The children created some fabulous research work, stories, information texts and cave art!

The new half term started with a visit by Captain Chemistry, who introduced our Science topic on Light. The children completed fun practical activities exploring shadows, transparent and opaque objects and how light travels.

The new topic that we are working on is all about Urban Pioneers. The children are already engrossed in the text 'Scribbleboy' and have explored the work of graffiti artists such as Keith Haring and Banksy.



## Attendance & Coronavirus



A number of parents have mentioned their child's attendance as a concern this term, because children are being sent home if they are displaying any of the key coronavirus symptoms and having to isolate until they can get the results of tests, which can take up to a week in some cases. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure anyone worried about the impact that this has on their child's attendance.

If your child is off for any reason related to covid-19, you will be emailed work home after 24 hours for them to complete until they come back into school.

In the case of whole groups of children being asked to isolate, work packs will be compiled for them to complete while they are working from home, which will also be placed on their eSchools class page, and they will also receive some 'live' teaching each day via Zoom. Nursery and Reception children will be given activities and tasks to complete on Evidence Me.

Whilst we realise this is not the same as being in school, we feel that we are able to support your child to a high standard whilst they are learning from home.

Any child missing school for reasons related to covid-19 will be marked on the register as an 'X' as per government guidelines. This means that their absence from school will not be counted against their attendance percentage – therefore it is possible for your child to isolate for two weeks and still have 100% attendance.

We want all our children to be in school as much as possible, but we know it must be reassuring that your child will not be penalised for missing school because of the coronavirus.

However, we have no intention of giving Attendance Awards or certificates this year – we just do not feel it is appropriate at the moment because there are so many different reasons which are all impacting on children's current attendance. But we will still be celebrating and promoting good attendance for all children. If you have any questions at all about this, please just ask.



## General Attendance



With many children having to miss school due to covid-19 this year, it is even more important that when children can attend school, they are here and that they are here on time. Head teachers are only allowed to authorise absences if there are very good reasons for doing so.

Every session missed has an impact on your child's attendance percentage and if your child's attendance falls below 90% they are considered a persistent absentee. More importantly for parents, if your child misses 14 sessions unauthorised within a 12 week rolling period (that is 7 days off school), you can be sent a fixed penalty notice from the Local Authority which starts at £60 per person with parental responsibility, per child. Therefore, if you had two children, each parent would be fined £120.

That saying, there are reasons why your child may need to be out of school in term time. So, in order to minimise disruption and keep their attendance marks, we recommend that if your child has a medical appointment they need to attend, to try and make it in the afternoon after 1.30pm, by which time they will have gained their marks for the day.

We would also urge you to complete a leave of absence form (the office can email you the link, or you will find it on our website) for any absences that are not medical appointments. Whilst some absences will not be authorised, it is better for us to know where your child is when they are not here without having to chase parents for reasons. Also, please remember that if your child is unable to attend school unexpectedly, just ring the school and report the absence via the dedicated absence line. Thank you for your help with this.



## Website



Our school website is undergoing a redesign and refurbishment so please bear with us for the moment. This was started prior to lockdown in March and then had to be put on the backburner. Whilst documentation can still be located, you will realise that it the website is slightly dated and needs an overhaul. This is currently taking place in the background but will take a few months to perfect before it can be seen by you all. Thank you for your understanding!



## Photographs



If you would like to order your child's individual photographs, then the order must be in school by **9.00am on Monday 16th November** at the very latest.

If your child had their photo taken last week because they missed the photo day last half term, they should have received their order form this week. These orders need to be back in school by **9.00am on Monday 23rd November** at the latest.

Again, if you put cash in with your order, please make sure the order is secure - if you pay by cash we are unable to prove that we have received this in the event of you not receiving your photograph. We do not check who has handed in photograph orders or whether they have used cash/card/cheque as we have over 400 children in school; we hand all the orders straight over to the photograph company once we have collected them in school. Therefore, please be aware that if you pay by cash this is not traceable, whereas card or cheque orders would be. Thank you.



## Nasal Flu Spray – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November



This is a reminder that this is to take place in school for pupils in Reception - Year 6 on Thursday 26th November. This will only be given to pupils who have had their consent given via the online form that was sent out from the NHS in September. School do not have a list of pupils who are down to have the spray as this is held by the NHS. Thank you.

## A summary of Year 5's World War 2 Day



To start our World War 2 day, we all dressed up in different outfits. I was dressed up as a land girl. I really enjoyed dressing up. The first thing we did was a fun Now Press Play to do with evacuees. We started in a play-park, when the wireless went off and war was declared. A few days later we were sent to go to somebody's house in the countryside. We didn't know who it was! So then when we got there she told us to dig up 600 potatoes (she wasn't very kind). When we got sent

back home, it was only a few days later, but the war carried on. We didn't have an Anderson Shelter but we were close to the underground station so we slept there until the war was over. When it was over we all came out and the parks were destroyed, the slides and swings were melted down for guns and our neighbour's house had a bathtub hanging out of it. Together we helped our neighbours get their lost things. We then celebrated the end of the war.

Afterwards, we used green screens to recreate WW2 images and different apps to create brilliant pictures to print out for our displays. They look amazing! In the afternoon we learnt all about rationing. We were split into our families from Now Press Play and I was Mrs Craig and we got a certain amount of money per week and some extra resources (not everyone was so lucky!). Using a rationing list, we created a weekly menu and we went to Mr Keeton's shop, which soon had two workers, to purchase our food for the week. I felt very lucky that we could afford to buy what we could, as others had even less than us.

Overall, we had lots of fun doing our Now Press Play. I thought the pictures we made were brilliant. The rationing was very fun!

Rose P

A few quotes from children in the class.

*"I really liked pretending we were in the old days...we did lots of amazing activities!"* Maya

*"My favourite part was the rationing activity."* Ellie-Mae

*"The Now Press Play was really fun."* Katie

*"Dressing up! I dressed up as a soldier and it was very hot!"* Max



As part of their WW2 Day activities Year 5 pupils worked with Mr Bailey on a green screen session. They photographed each other in front of the green screen in various poses and then added appropriate backgrounds to the image. Finally, they added a black and white filter to their image to give it that authentic 1940s look. Scan this QR code to see a wonderful film they made!

## Shoe Boxes for the Homeless – Deadline Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

We have received so many items to help fill these shoeboxes. Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity! The final day for anything to be sent into school will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November as following this, Year 6 will be helping to fill and deliver them.





### **Other People Collecting Your Children**



If your child is being picked up by someone they are not usually collected by, please either email their teacher, the School Office or phone the School Office by 2.00pm on the day. This makes it a lot easier at home time for the staff, so they know who your child is supposed to be going home with. Otherwise, the adult dismissing your child may ask whoever is collecting them to phone a parent/carer and get them to ring the office to confirm who is picking up, which as you can understand causes delays in dismissing the child and can be very time consuming and distressing for the child - it is easier if we know earlier who is supposed to be collecting your child. We are not being awkward; we just want to make sure your children are safe. Thank you for your help with this matter.



### **EYFS Stage News**



Next week the children in Nursery and Reception will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. There is still time for you to sign up at home for this if you are interested in continuing what we are doing at home. Take a look at: <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/> where you will find links to videos and activities your child might enjoy.

We are starting to look forward to Christmas in EYFS and next week we will be sending home a peg for you to decorate with your child for our EYFS Christmas trees. In previous years we have had all sorts of creations including angels, superheroes, shepherds, Kevin the carrot... whatever your child would like to bring back will be put on our tree and much admired!

Please keep checking Evidence Me as we sometimes send out resources and activity ideas for you to do at home with your child. We love to find out how your children respond to these, so please send us a comment if you try anything out.



### **Dogs and Parking**



Our school population is ever-increasing and with it, so are some issues! We need your help please.

Firstly, parking – Mandy, the lollipop lady – has commented that some parents are parking rather dangerously outside school both when dropping off and collecting children. There are also some parents parking on the yellow zig-zags. It really is up to us all to ensure the safety of all our children. Please be aware that the roads outside school are all on a busy bus route and traffic is very heavy at these key times during the day. Please park considerately!

Secondly, dogs – dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Obviously, we have to consider the health and safety of all our children and families and dogs are just not permitted on school grounds, in line with the local authority's policy. We would also appreciate you considering both the welfare of your dog and that of other people if you decide to tie your dog up. There are many of our children who have a real fear of dogs – please just bear this in mind when deciding on an appropriate location for your dog.

We really are not trying to be awkward with either of these issues – just practical! Thank you for your support.



### **Deadline for Applications for School for September 2021 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January**



All Nursery Parents – please do not forget the deadline of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for applying for a school place for your child. Missing this deadline could well hinder your chances of gaining your first choice school.



## Reception 2021 Virtual Zoom Meeting – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm we will have a zoom meeting for all prospective parents of Reception children. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet the key staff, have a virtual look round the classrooms, hear about the organisation and routines and also ask any questions at all you may have. I am also more than happy to have phone calls with any interested parents and answer any questions you may have. Choosing the school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make for your child so make sure it is the right one!



## Well-Being Week – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November



During the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, we will be holding a creativity week when we will be collapsing the curriculum in an afternoon and thinking more about our own well-being. All classes have a variety of activities planned for the week and some of the older children will be enjoying a taster session of yoga. We hope that some of the activities and ideas will help children in the longer term with their own emotional well-being.



## Year 2 Phonics Screening



All of our Year 2 children will be 'tested' in their phonics knowledge during this half term. Usually, this screening takes place in June when children are in Year 1. However, due to the lockdown, this did not take place in the summer and is taking place this half term instead. Any children who do not reach the standard this half term, will take it again next summer. However, I do not want any parents or children to be concerned. All children learn at different rates, especially at such a young age. We will continue to teach phonics and spelling all year so please do not be concerned if your child does not reach the standard. Parents will be informed about whether your child has passed or not at the end of the term.



## Switching on the Christmas Lights



Sadly, but for obvious reasons, there is no big event in the village this year to switch on the Christmas Lights. The village green will still be decorated and will still have the lights and the tree – there is just no joyous community get together when we all gather to see this happening. It is even more of a shame for our Year 6 children as we are always asked to nominate 2 children which is a big honour for them. In its place, we are going to give two of our Year 6 children a similar honour in school – just to try to make sure that they do not miss out on too much this year! We will keep you informed about this in future letters.



## Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November



We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This is an annual non-uniform day where we ask children to bring in a gift for the Christmas Fair in exchange for being allowed to wear non-uniform. We would really appreciate any of the following: chocolate/confectionary, (please make sure these are in date), toiletries, bottles of alcohol (an adult should drop them in at the office please or hand them to the adults at the gates!), children's stationery/gift or any item suitable for a raffle prize.

We really appreciate your help and support with this as it makes a huge difference to the success of our Christmas Fair! Please see below about how we are going to organise our Christmas Fair this year.



## Enterprise Week – Week Beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November



During the week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, all children will be taking part in our annual Enterprise Week. Each class decide on their project and, working as a small business, attempt to make and sell a product with the aim of making a small (or large!) profit. These products will all be sold at the Christmas Fair at the end of the week. In the past, the children have thoroughly enjoyed this challenge and their aim is to be the class making the most profit! (Actually I think it is more competitive amongst the adults in school!)





### Christmas Fair – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December



We still plan to hold our Christmas Fair on the afternoon of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. However, obviously it will have to be rather different this year – can you remember how crowded that hall gets every year?! This year, every year group will host their own mini fair in their classrooms. There will still be games for the children to enjoy, tombolas for them to ‘win’ prizes, hot dogs on sale and juice and biscuits for them to enjoy. We just want them to have a lovely afternoon of fun and games with their bubbles! More information will follow about how we will organise the money for this but wanted you to know that we will still be hosting a series of 8 Christmas Fairs.

Nursery children will enjoy a week of games and activities due to all the different sessions children attend. Watch out for the weekly letters for more information regarding this!



### Winter Wonderland



During the last two weeks of term, we are planning a special treat for the children when we will be enjoying some special outdoor Forest School Sessions. The children will all need warm clothing and sensible footwear for these lessons – more information will be shared nearer the time along with specific days and times of these sessions for each year group.



### Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December



Christmas Dinner will be enjoyed by the children on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. For this one special occasion, we do open this up to children who normally have a packed lunch. However, when potentially catering for over 400 people, we obviously do need to order food in advance. Therefore, we will be sending a link for an online form to all parents and we need this to be completed no later than **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

We have disappointed children every year whose parents ask to order Christmas dinner after the deadline. It is essential that we have numbers by the deadline so that food can be ordered in time. Thank you for your help with this.



### Christmas Raffle



Our Christmas Raffle is always a great success and we plan to hold another raffle again this year. Obviously, the prizes will not be seen in person so these will all be photographed and displayed on Twitter instead. As soon as all the prizes have been organised, we will send out a separate letter and a small number of tickets which can be purchased by those who wish to do so. The raffle will be drawn the day of the Christmas Fair with all winning numbers and names posted.



### Year 6 Festive Day – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December



For the first time in many years, our Year 6 cohort will be unable to go to Newcastle for their special, festive day at a restaurant followed by the pantomime at the Theatre Royal. It is a real shame for them but we are determined they will not miss out. So, instead, we are going to have a special Christmas treat day for them in school with take out pizza at lunch time, Christmas activities and a virtual performance. This will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> December. As usual, more information will follow nearer the time.



### Bethlehem FM



This year, we are going to be unable to have our traditional nativities across the school. In my 30 year teaching career, there has never been a Christmas in school without a nativity so it really is going to be very strange for us all.

However, we are determined to do something a little different so that the children do not miss out. So, this year, we are going to have our very own ‘Bethlehem FM’ Radio Station. Our Year 6 children are going to write a script and then they will become the roving reporters and interview some of the characters from the nativity story who will be our Year 2 children. This will be interspersed with singing from each of the year groups and will be put on our website for everyone to enjoy.

Whilst it will be different to our usual traditional nativities that usually take place, I am sure they will just as enjoyable given the current circumstances.



## Christmas Parties



The Christmas parties are listed on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. This year, we ask that on their party day, children come to school for the day dressed in their party clothes. All parties finish at the end of the school day. This year, all parties will be in single year groups due to the need to stay in bubbles.

Each party is having slightly different arrangements for their party food. Early Years children will all be given their own party bag in advance (which they will design and colour in at school) to take home and fill with food that they would like to eat and these are then to be brought into school on the day of their party. This way, at this early age, we know that all children will be eating something that they like! **Please note – nuts are NOT allowed in school due to us having a number of children with a nut allergy. Thank you.**

The rest of the school will be provided with a party tea prepared by staff in school.



## Rotakids



Over the last few years, previous Rotakids have been very proud of their achievements, as have we. Their fundraising efforts have made a difference to a lot of people and organisations at home and abroad. We have decided to start Rotakids again this term with socially distanced meetings outside. Two children from each year group will be part of the Rotakids team with the support of the local Rotary Club.

The Salvation Army have always been very grateful for our contributions for their Christmas Toy Appeal and we are therefore going to run our very popular 'Hook a bag' stall at the school fair. We hope that you will support our stall again this year.

***Together we can make a difference!***



## Scholastic Book Fair – Week Beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November



We have our annual book fair in school the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Obviously the arrangements will have to be different this year due to all the current restrictions. Next week, you will receive a link to a leaflet which features all the books which will be in stock in the bookcases. The children will also be able to see a selection of the books in their classrooms. Books can then be ordered and the children given the books from the cases. More information about the logistics of this will be shared next week. This is always an exceptionally good way of raising funds for the school as we are given up to 65% commission in books.



## Christmas Holiday Club – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December



Back by popular demand, Mr Graham and LJG Coaching will be hosting another fun-filled activity club in the first few days of the Christmas holidays. Full day places are from 8.00am – 5.00pm and cost £17.50, with discounts for multiple children. Half day sessions are also available from 8.00am – 1.00pm or 1.00pm – 5.00pm and start at £7.50, with multi-child discounts.

Children will partake in a plethora of sporting activities, aimed at all levels of ability, with qualified sports coaches so will need to arrive in suitable sports clothing and footwear (activities will take place outside as much as possible so trainers are a must). Your child will also need to bring a packed lunch and plenty of fluids.

Handwashing facilities will be available as normal and children will be reminded to regularly wash their hands, but if possible, please send your child in with hand sanitiser as well.

At this time of year, spaces on the holiday club tend to go very quickly as it is the perfect opportunity to get any last minute Christmas preparations sorted. Please book on as soon as possible to ensure a place – a £5 deposit will be required to confirm your child's place. Please note, if you have not paid a deposit your child may be turned away if it is too full.

To book your place, please use the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nQP32h\\_HBU2bpIIJ4QL0zqlc1nsZ-jtJlwjv4jHiabNUNUg1ODNLN0xRTkZWVDFSOVuzUFFJRVhKUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nQP32h_HBU2bpIIJ4QL0zqlc1nsZ-jtJlwjv4jHiabNUNUg1ODNLN0xRTkZWVDFSOVuzUFFJRVhKUS4u)

## School Holidays – Academic Year 2020 – 2021

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Date re-open for teaching purposes</b>
Christmas Holiday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
February Half Term	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Easter Holiday	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Summer Half Term	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Summer Holiday	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	To Be Confirmed

### Important Dates for 2020- 2021

<i>Key Stage 1 (Year 2) Statutory Assessment Tests</i>	<i>May 2021</i>
<i>KS2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Tests</i>	<i>Week Beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021</i>
<i>Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Phonics Screening Test</i>	<i>Week Beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021</i>
<i>Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4</i>	<i>Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021</i>

All Year 2 & Year 6 children must be in school for the month of May.

No absences will be authorised during May.

All Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 children must be in school for the first two weeks in June.

No absences will be authorised during June.

### DIARY DATES

Week Beg. Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	All Week	Book Fair in School
Week Beg. Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	All Week	Well-Being Week in School
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	6pm	Zoom Meeting for new Reception 2021 Starters
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day	Flu Vaccine in School
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day	Non-Uniform Day in aid of the Christmas Fair
Week Beg. Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	All Week	Enterprise Week
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	4.30pm	Zoom Meeting for new Nursery Starters
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Winter Wonderland
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Winter Wonderland
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Winter Wonderland
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Winter Wonderland
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Year 3 Party
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Year 6 Festive Day & Pizza Lunch
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	Virtual Theatre Visit with Northern Stage–The Emperor’s New Clothes
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Reception Party
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Year 4 Party
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	Early Years Party
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Year 1 Party
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Year 5 Party
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Year 2 Party
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Year 6 Party
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	Christmas Celebration
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening	School Closes
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	All Day	Holiday Club
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	All Day	Holiday Club
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	All Day	Holiday Club