



DREAM BIG



Fortnightly Newsletter: 10th December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Yet again, we find ourselves in uncertain times regarding COVID. Our priority remains the safety of the children and staff. The Government updated schools yesterday on a few key areas. I have included the main points below.



Attendance

School attendance remains compulsory. Enabling children and young people to attend their education setting regularly continues to be a national priority.

Face Coverings / Lateral flow tests

Staff will wear face coverings in communal areas (unless exempt). This will also be expected for parents and visitors on site.

Staff continue to take twice-weekly lateral flow tests and we advise any parents coming in for meetings to take a lateral flow beforehand.

Before and after school club

Breakfast club and SMART club will continue to run as normal. Booking and pre-payment remains compulsory.

Isolation

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the **Omicron variant** of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will continue to be required to self-isolate and asked to book a PCR test.

The Government plans to introduce Daily Contact Testing as soon as possible as an alternative to self-isolation for contacts of positive Omicron cases who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months. Watch this space!

January return

As the Government continue to learn more about the impact of the Omicron variant they have asked schools to revisit their plans for a possible outbreak. We have everything crossed that it will not be necessary to implement this.

Now that's the doom and gloom part over please find below our fortnightly updates:

Pantomime

We have booked in a real treat for the children next Friday - NKTheatre Company are coming in to perform Cinderella for the whole school. **This will be fully funded by school.**



School Disco

We have sold over 120 tickets – it's going to be some party!!!

Thank you so much for the chocolate and teddy donations. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Children who win on the chocolate tombola will have their name written on the ticket and given the chocolate at the end of the disco to bring home. A board has been put outside the office to let you



know the cost of the stalls.
All money made will be going towards resources for the children.

100 house points

Children who have earned 100 or more house points will receive 3 cinema tickets to a Vue cinema as recognition for their hard work and excellent learning behaviours. We hope to be able to bring back the cinema trip next term as long as COVID allows.



Walk to school initiative

Well done to all those children who have been walking to school each day. Badges will be awarded to any child who has walked to school for 80% of the month. Well done!

Carols service – wet day plan

On Thursday 16th December, we have fingers and toes crossed that we can hold our outdoor carol service at 9.15am. If we experience heavy rain, our back up will be to record the event indoors and share it.



Save the children

So, I've been feeling a bit like the Grinch this week but seeing everyone with Christmas jumpers on has really made me smile. We have raised £70 from the children's and staff donations to go to charity. Thank you.



Thank you for continued support. Five more get ups until we say goodbye to such a successful half term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes.

E. Harding

Mrs Harding
Headteacher

Weekly Worship Focus

Our value for this half term is TRUST.
In worship this week we learnt about St Nicholas and the links to the modern day Father Christmas.



Birthdays

Birthdays up to the 13th
January:



We hope you have the best day!

Maddison in Year 5
Ava in Year 2
Amelia in Year 5
Elisio in Nursery
Connie in Year 5
Marty in Year 6
Logan in Year 3
Aleena in Reception
Ciara in Year 2
Steven in Year 3
Damian in Year 5

Ellie in Year 1
Isabella in Year 2
Daisy in Year 3
Justin in Year 3
Anne-Jolina in Year 5
Yusuf in Year 6
Holly in Year 4
Aliyah in Year 6
Olivia in Year 2
Lazarus in Year 5
Jaden in Year 1

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Leo in Year 4 for making some great choices and turning things round.
- Oliver in Year 1 for great progress with his reading.
- Ivy in Year 1 for great blending when reading.



Weekly attendance

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Weekly %</u>
Nursery	91.9%
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	91.5%
Year 2	91.4%
Year 3/4	90.7%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	90.0%
Whole school	91.8%

Well done Reception and Year 5!



Important Dates

- Friday 10th December: School disco after school
- WB: 13th December: Church week
- Thursday 16th December: Outdoor carol concert
- Friday 17th December: Pantomime performance
- Friday 17th December: Children break up for Christmas
- Wednesday 5th January: Children return for the Spring term
- Friday 11th February: School closes for half term.

