



Weekly Newsletter: Positive thoughts 27th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I was hoping that by the time this was sent out that we would be celebrating that we were near the end of the second lockdown and that we would be coming out of Tier 3. Unfortunately this is not the case as we remain in Tier 3 meaning strict restrictions still apply.



Therefore we have turned our attention to more positive thingsChristmas! This week the staff have been planning Christmas activities in a COVID friendly way. Although things may look a little different we still intend to have:

- ✓ Class celebration afternoons
- ✓ School carol concert (this will be uploaded onto our new school website)
- ✓ Christmas dinner
- ✓ 100 House point celebration
- ✓ Christmas stalls
- ✓ Christmas hamper raffle

Look out for the letter which has all the key dates on coming from Mrs Spreckley.

Please remember you can help by:

- Phoning school and letting us know if your child is going to be absent and most importantly **WHY** – we are still spending a lot of time chasing absences. It is essential we know the reason so we know if they have COVID symptoms.
- Wearing your face mask while on school premises (we understand that some of you are exempt).
- Only one family member dropping off and picking up.
- Arriving and picking up at your drop of and pick up time – no earlier and no later.
- Phoning or using the admin email address if you need to contact us.

Kind regards

E. Harding

Mrs Harding

Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

Scarlet in **Year 4** and **Emily** in **Year 5** for always following the schools rules and having excellent manners.

Ella in **Year 6** for showing excellent manners and always treating people fairly.

Keep it up! I wonder who I'll be mentioning next week?



Do you remember in March, we sold knitted Easter chicks with Cadbury cream eggs in them? These were to raise funds for Francis House Children's Hospice; due to lockdown they were only able to collect the funds we raised as a school last week.

Francis House have emailed to confirm we raised a massive **£183.40!!!!** Well done everybody.

Attendance

We want all attendance to be **over 95%**. Class attendance from September to now:

Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	90.8%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	93.9%
Whole school	94%

We are consistently at 94.6% - 1.4% more and we are at National Expectation!



Birthdays next week ...

Happy birthday to:

Nova in EYFS
Archie in Year 4
Jacob in EYFS
Spencer in Year 5

We hope you have the best day!



Reminders

Do you support our request to change our admissions number from 45 children per year group to 30? This will allow us to be a small single form entry primary school and continue to pride ourselves on the personal touch that we offer. Please take the time to complete the response form (it will take a minute maximum). Forms are also available from the school office window. Your opinion really does make a difference. I can suggest the change but it's you that makes it happen.



Looking aheadDiary Dates (new dates in red)



- **Tuesday 1st December** – deadline for Parent Governor applications
- WB: 7th December - Year 2 Phonic screen taking place
- Friday 11th December – Save the Children Christmas jumper day
- Friday 11th December – last day for class Christmas cards to be bought in
- WB: 14th December – school Christmas stalls – more info to follow
- Friday 18th December – Christmas dinner day
- **Last day of school for children – Friday 18th December**
- **Remote learning – Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December – school building is closed.**
- **School opens for the Spring term – Thursday 7th January**