



Weekly Newsletter: Thankfulness 4th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow ...that temperature has certainly dropped Who thinks snow is on the way? I do think a white Christmas might be nice after such a tough year with the pandemic.



Today a child in Year 3 asked me what was the best thing about working in a school. Without any hesitation I replied 'the children.' As tough as COVID has been on everyone our school has remained a really happy and positive place. As staff we really feel we have a lot to be thankful for. I hope you are finding things to be thankful for also.

Parent Governors

I am thrilled to tell you that we have successfully recruited 2 new parent governors. Gaynor Sheldon who has a daughter in Year 2 and Nicole Freer who has a son in Nursery. I am excited to welcome them on board and work alongside them to continue our journey of school improvement.

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

As part of 'BRIGHT SMILES BRIGHT FUTURES' all children will come home today with a new toothbrush and tube of toothpaste. This has been provided free of charge by Colgate Professional to try and encourage children to have good dental hygienewe all know how painful toothache is! Ouch!

COVID

You will all know by now that we take any cases of COVID (suspected or confirmed) very seriously. We follow the guidance from Public Health to the letter and at no point are children or staff **ever** put at risk. If you want to check something then please ask us – we are way more accurate than Facebook or WhatsApp. We'll always give you an honest answer.

Remember to come and have a chat in the morning if you have something you want to discuss or you want to share happy news. This remains one of my favourite times of the day. I know that Mrs Quinn and Mrs Alexander feel the same.

Kind regards

E. Harding

Mrs Harding

Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

Alfie in **Year 5** and **Reece** in **Year 5** for making excellent progress with their reading. Mrs Ridsdale told me she was so proud of you.

Marty in **Year 5** and **Spencer** in **Year 5** for coming up with the new playground rules. They are helping already.

Year 5 you rock this week!!! Keep it up! I wonder who I'll be mentioning next week?



Attendance

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

Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	91.1%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	93.7%
Whole school	94.7%

We are consistently at 94.7% - 1.3% more and we are at National Expectation!



Birthdays next week ...

Happy birthday to:

Alfie in Year 4
Kalen in EYFS

We hope you have the best day!



Reminders

As the weather is getting colder please ensure your child has a coat each day.

We have to keep school well ventilated which means it can be cool. If your child is saying they are cold, then they can bring in an extra jumper to keep in school. **THIS IS NOT INSTEAD OF THEIR SCHOOL JUMPER.** We still expect full uniform every day. I have been so impressed with the fact that all children are wearing their uniform.



Looking aheadDiary Dates (new dates in red)



- 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**