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Parking Outside School

This week there have been a number of incidents where parents have driven down the road towards the gates and then been unable to reverse. This is highly dangerous and I have spoken to 2 parents about reversing over the pavement whilst close to children.

Parking or turning on pavements is illegal and highly dangerous.



Home Reading

Reading is one of the most important ways to support your child's learning in all subjects. Therefore regular home reading to an adult is essential. It helps develop learning in every subject! Even if your child is a fluent reader in Key Stage 2, home reading is still very important. The reading challenge has been a big success so far this term and most children have been reading between 3 and 5 times per week.

If for any reason, you are struggling to read at home with your child, for example due to working hours or deployment, please let us know as soon as possible. We can put additional reading in place for a period of time to support your child.

Please read with your child at least 3 times per week and let us know if you need additional support.

Year 6 Practice SATs

Children will today bring home their results from last week's practise tests. Please contact Miss Millar or Miss Smith if you would like to discuss the results.



Parent View

Parent View is the government website for collecting your views on our school. Thank you to everyone who has done this so far. Chris Chapman, our Chair of Governors is trying to collect as many parent responses as possible about our school. Follow the link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to register.

Christmas Jumper Day – 11th December

Next Friday children may wear Christmas Jumpers and non-school uniform to raise money for **Save the Children**. The suggested donation is £1 per child. You may make this donation via ParentPay or bring money on the day. If your child has PE or Forest School on Friday, please make sure their clothes are suitable for these.

Reading Challenge Update

We are now into the final week of the challenge. Children have until 11th December (next Friday) to read as many times as possible at home. At the end of the challenge, we will give certificates for the following:

14 home reads = Bronze

17 home reads = Silver

20 home reads = Gold



The Great British Run

Thank you to everyone who brought in their sponsorship money this morning. **The final day for this is next Friday 11th December.** Put the money in an envelope marked "Run" and send it into school. If you have more than one child, siblings' sponsorship can be combined!



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Staggered Finish

On the last day of term (18th December) we finish early. This will be staggered in line with the current finish times, so all classes will finish 2 hours before their usual time:

12.40 – Ducklings
12.45 – Robins
12.50 – Wrens
12.55 – Nightingales, Woodpeckers, Kingfishers
13.00 – Skylarks, Eagles, Merlins
13.05 – Sparrowhawks, Ospreys, Tawny Owls
13.10 – Kestrels, Snowy Owls, Peregrines

Meal Bookings

As we are unable to provide hot meals after Christmas, we will continue to provide our school packed lunches. These are now available to book on your Parent Pay accounts.

Please book your child's meal for January by midnight Thursday 17th December.

Your child will need a packed lunch on Tuesday 5th if no bookings have been made by this date.

Christmas Lunch

Unfortunately, due to the current situation we are in and having to keep children within their class bubbles, we are unable to offer a hot Christmas lunch this year. Instead, children may have a turkey baguette, with a sausage roll and a shortbread biscuit.

There will be no ham option on Tuesday the 15th December, Parent Pay will reflect this change from Monday 7th December, please adjust your booking, if you wish, by midnight Thursday 10th December.

Christmas Gifts

Yesterday we sent home a letter about Christmas gifts and cards. Unfortunately we can't accept gifts this year but you can make a small donation to your child's book corner (please see letter).

Christmas Songs

Next week we will be recording Christmas songs to share with parents. You will be sent a permission form via email. If you chose not to complete this, your child can still learn the song, but they won't be recorded in the final video.

Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

Symptoms are:

High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 14 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified**.

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day £1 Donation

Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas, 1PM finish

Monday 4th January: Teacher Training Day

Monday 4th January: Rec 2021 Visit

Tuesday 5th January: First day back for children