



# Newsletter | 14

18th December 2020



## Happy Christmas from Everyone at Zouch!

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their amazing support and positivity over the past two terms. Fully reopening school in September was a huge undertaking and we could not have done it without such a great school community behind us. At times the restrictions imposed upon you as parents have made things very challenging, but thank you so much for helping us to keep the children safe and allowing us to provide them with the high quality learning they deserve.

I know that this Christmas will not be the same as normal for most of us and many of you will be unable to see friends and family. For military families in particular, I know the challenges this means and I understand how hard this can be. I hope, however, that you can have a peaceful and happy Christmas and that you and your family stay well over the holidays.

I always feel privileged to lead such an amazing school with such amazing children and families, but this year in particular, I feel this even more due to the way in which everyone has pulled together over the past nine months. Thank you to everyone – Happy Christmas and New Year!

## The Great British Run! – Total!

**Thank you for your unbelievable efforts in this year's Great British Run 2020 in support of Jordan Wylie's Great British Paddle Board. We raised an incredible £4396.21, which is more than double our total in 2019 for Running Dangerously.**

Jordan has sent a message to say...

**"How is this possible? UNBELIEVABLE, I'm absolutely gobsmacked, how can I thank you all enough? It's incredible and I can't wait to finish this challenge and then I can come and see all of the children and staff at Zouch".**

## Staff Goodbyes

Today we say goodbye to the fantastic Mrs Barmby who has been at Zouch as a teaching assistant for an incredible 25 years! She will be greatly missed and we all wish her well. We welcome Mrs Johnston to Tawny Owl Class, working with Miss Millar - she has been volunteering for the last few weeks so already knows the children and routines. We also say farewell and good luck to Mrs Barnes who has been a much-valued member of the Ducklings staff and to Mrs Davies who has worked here as midday supervisor this year.

## Texts and Theme for next term:

Your children's teachers are already very excited about their class' learning next term. Have a look at each year group's theme and texts for Term 3:

### Ducklings, Robins, Wrens: In the Woods...

*The Gruffalo, We're going on a Bear Hunt, Stick Man, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.*

### Year 1: Knights, Castles and Dragons

*Zog* by Julia Donaldson

### Year 2: Knights, Castles and Dragons

*The Dragon and the Nibblesome Knight* by Elli Woollard and Benji Davies

### Year 3: Ancient Egyptians

*The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo

### Year 4: Ancient Egyptians

*The Time-Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess* by Julia Jarman, and *I Was There: Tutankhamun's Tomb* by Sue Reid

### Year 5: Capital (London)

*Alex Rider: Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz

### Year 6: Capital (London)

*A Walk in London* by Salvatore Rubbino and *The Buildings that Made London* by David Long

### Information for Next Term

Please see the attached letter with important information about next term. There are a few small changes to the morning drop-off times and also some classes have changed their day for Forest School and PE, so please check the details carefully.

### Phonics

Congratulations to our children in Year 2 who have now all completed their phonics checks, which were missed last year. Despite the time off school, all children made great progress and a fantastic 89% of pupils passed.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all our families for your donations on Christmas Jumper Day last Friday. We raised a total of **£267.25** for the 'Save the Children' charity.

### Reporting Covid-19 Cases during Christmas

On Tuesday, we sent out a letter about reporting Covid-19 cases during the Christmas holidays. This information must be sent to [covid@zouch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:covid@zouch.wilts.sch.uk) as soon as you know about a positive test. This includes: if a child tests positive; if a household member tests positive or if a child comes into contact with someone who tests positive.

Please continue to follow the government guidance for staying safe from Covid including social distancing and hand-washing/sanitising.

### PE and Forest Schools

Next term, most PE and Forest School days will be changing. These will start from the first day back which is **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

**Please check the days carefully:**

|           | PE   | Forest Schools                   |
|-----------|--|----------------------------------|
| Monday    | Y1 Skylarks<br>Y1 Nightingales                                       | Ducklings                        |
| Tuesday   | YR Wrens<br>YR Robins  | YR Wrens<br>YR Robins            |
| Wednesday | Y6 Tawny Owls<br>Y6 Snowy Owls                                       | Y5 Sparrowhawks<br>Y5 Peregrines |
| Thursday  | Y2 Kingfishers<br>Y2 Woodpeckers<br>Y5 Sparrowhawks<br>Y5 Peregrines | Y1 Skylarks<br>Y1 Nightingales   |
| Friday    | Y4 Ospreys<br>Y4 Kestrels<br>Y3 Merlins<br>Y3 Eagles                 | Y3 Merlins<br>Y3 Eagles          |

### 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 10 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 10 days, even if they have no symptoms.



### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Teacher Training Day

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Rec 2021 Visit

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** First day back for children