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Newsletter- Week 11

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We live in extraordinary times and I'm so proud of how the staff, pupils and all families are adapting to our new approach. It is frustrating to have so many children in and out of school for isolation reasons but the staff are doing their level best to teach and ensure good academic progress for all pupils. Last Monday we started our new approach to home learning so that no child should ever miss their curriculum input for isolation or illness reasons.

Risk Assessment: The risk assessment processes are working really well but there are two areas to note. We continue, despite many reminders on texts, emails, tweets and newsletters to have lots of children and parents arrive early. Please ensure that you **follow the times given as the EARLIEST time you should arrive on site**. If you rely on grandparents or childcare providers please ensure that you share the times with them and ensure that children are dropped/off collected as appropriate. All childcare providers have been given 8.45 and 3.15 as their times. Last week we mentioned that a hoodie or similar item of clothing could be allowed for colder days when we needed due to ventilation procedures. Please note that this is **as well as the normal school uniform and that hoodies should only be worn as an additional at particularly cold times. Hoods should remain down at all times.**

Christmas Card Competition and Fundraising: A reminder that we are trying to raise some Christmas cheer and some vital school funds this year through a revamped raffle and a Christmas Card competition. We will be judging the final Christmas card competition tomorrow lunch time so please ensure all entries are with us by then. The card design should be A4 in size but can use any materials to design it. We will update you soon on how you can buy a pack of the winning entries and support our fundraising. We will return all original designs that do not win to the children so that they can turn it in to a real card for their family. We have sent out the class raffle lists to start and collect our special hampers. Any other donations from parents or local businesses are very welcome and appreciated! Thank you to those who have already pledged...you are wonderful and we thank you all.

Parental Updates- Mini-reports: The Autumn Term mini-reports have now been sent home or posted. This replaced our traditional parents' evening event which was scheduled for last week. We hope that parents found the update useful. If you would like to discuss any of the content or how your child has settled please let us know ASAP. It has been very hard for staff to pinpoint where children are after the disruption to the last academic year and the COVID recovery systems we have in place make it more important to teach, teach and teach some more rather than focus on where a child is at. That will come later in the year when we hope to develop an approach to parental meetings that allows us to meet face-to-face or virtually.

Christmas Video: Please note that we will begin filming our Christmas video for all families to enjoy soon. The final film will be posted to Youtube so that all families can access it easily. If you do not wish for your child to be involved/shown on the video please let us know via email or by telephone call by Monday 23rd November.

School events calendar: Please note that the original school calendar- sent out in the Summer- will be replaced each term with a series of adapted diary dates with COVID safety in mind. Where events cannot take place we will endeavour to replace them with virtual equivalents.

Themed Days: Our Remembrance assembly and whole-school silence was incredible and poignant. We also had a superb day for Children in Need last Friday. We raised £100 for each of the two charities that we will send with our best wishes later in the week. Thank you for your support! This week is Stay Safe week and tomorrow (Monday) is an odd socks day as we have a special assembly about diversity and differences in each other.

Have a great week everyone and please stay safe! **Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher**

Week 10 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 11 Diary Dates
Attendance: 99.2% (91.7%) Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Attendance: 98.5% (93.8) Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	DINNER MENU WEEK 3 Stay Safe Week Monday 16 th : Y6 at Crucial Crew (8.30-3.30pm- school uniform) Monday 16 th : Odd Socks Day (optional) normal uniform otherwise Friday 20 th : Star of the Week Assembly
Class of the Week: Dr Ranj's Rangers with 100%		

