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Newsletter- Week 13

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We are another week closer to Christmas and despite the constant daily struggles that COVID19 presents we're delighted with the way school is operating, almost at full strength, each day. We have had some very complex situations to manage and we are desperate to do all that we can to help children reach and exceed their potential. We are experiencing significant staffing issues at times but we are still squeezing every little bit of quality learning and extra support that we can. In keeping with our newsletter last week we would be thrilled if all families could keep on supporting us with the key home learning- little and often each day- so that children receive those extra boosts.

Risk Assessment: We have reviewed our risk assessment but feel that it is thorough and working well. We will continue to take advice on any complex matters from Public Health England (PHE) and/or the Department for Education (DfE). For our part, when a complex matter arrives, or we have a child being tested that could affect a school bubble, we will always share this with you. Transparency is key to building trust and, to my knowledge, we are the only school in England that publishes daily attendance and punctuality figures which include the percentage of children who are isolating and up-to-the-minute updates on any pending test results. We do this because, in this immensely stressful time for all families and staff, it provides parents with trust and confidence in our risk assessment procedures.

Christmas Cards, Gifts and Fundraising: A huge well done to Freya (Y6), Florence (Y3), Yven (Y2) and Ella (F2) on their amazing card designs. We would like to thank every child who entered hand-drawn or electronic efforts too- the standard was excellent! The cards that did not win have been returned so that they can be turned in to a real card for their family or a friend. The winning designs have been integrated in to one A5 design on quality card and they are available through School Money for £2.50 per pack of 5. Please hurry and order soon so you avoid disappointment as they are selling fast and we only ordered 100 packs! Any money raised will go in to school fund. Thank you to our Governors for organising the competition and to Mrs Ridgwick and Mrs Houghland for judging! Please note that this year, Christmas cards in school will not be posted in reception- we can only allow cards to be exchanged in each bubble between direct class mates and staff. Envelopes will be disposed of in school and the cards can be brought home in book bags. While we always appreciate how supportive and thoughtful our families are we must also ask that parents do not provide staff with gifts this year to limit the passing of materials between households. If any parents would like to support a local charity instead- totally optional of course- one of our staff is supporting their parent through cancer at present and we would welcome any donations to MacMillan Cancer Research. Our staff will not be exchanging gifts either and we will instead make a donation to Hallam FM's Mission Christmas.

Supporting Vulnerable Families: We would like to thank St Vincent de Paul Society who have provided significant support for some families in need of help at the moment. They are providing support throughout Christmas and we have set up further support from further generous sources for Christmas hampers and gifts for pupils in need. It is one of the most amazing parts of the difficulties faced this year, to see how much support and community spirit there is around our wonderful school. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please do speak out and find out how we can help. We have also had some beautiful donations of special books to help children stay safe recently from one of our very supportive grandparents- again, wonderful to see! Thank you all!

A Very Merry, Busy Christmas Week: This week it is Christmas Arts Week when we create cards or calendars in school. We also have raffle tickets going on sale, we will share a poster with the prizes on very soon! Please do support the raffle as we have no Christmas Fayre this year to raise vital school funds- the prizes are fantastic thanks to supportive families and local businesses! You're the best! On Thursday we have a special DT day for Y2/F2 and the pantomime for all school with 4 shows spread across the day to allow distancing. Uniform should be worn on Thursday.

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

Week 11 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 13 Diary Dates
Attendance: 99.5% (95.3%) Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	Attendance: 98.6% (94.3) Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.3%	DINNER MENU WEEK 2 Christmas Arts Week- all week! Final gymnastics and football/cricket coaching sessions Thursday 3 rd : PANTO day- normal uniform and special menu Thursday 3 rd : Hepp DT Day Y2/F2 Friday 4 th : Star of the Week Assembly Friday 4 th : KS2 Christmas Jumpers and filming Christmas Show
Class of the Week: Dr Ranj's Rangers with 100%		

