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Week 13 Newsletter

Monday 29th November 2021

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! Just three weeks to go until the Christmas break and lots to look forward to! Let's get everyone updated with the important news!

Christmas Raffle: Could we please start by thanking everyone for their prize donations. We have received so many kind raffle prizes already...thank you! We won't be publishing the full prize list for a while so feel free to keep any donations coming to ensure that we have lots of exciting prizes for all ages and interests. We have attached to the email with this newsletter the traditional class hamper donations. Each class has a theme so that all donations can be made into a fantastic team creation! We also attach the ticket template on email should you wish to print and buy any extras- a hard copy should have come home late last week. More paper copies are available to collect from the reception foyer. Any ticket purchased will go back in to school fund and support future events in school.

School News: A big well done to Y5 and Y6 who braved the icy cold weather and took part in an orienteering competition on Thursday at PGS. We had winning teams in the boys and girls categories this time around, both from Y6...well done! The certificates have been prepared to hand out in class early this week. The next sports event is Y3/4 basketball at PGS this Thursday and we have sent out an invite to 10 pupils. It was a busy week for the School Council who had several meetings including special meetings with our catering manager and the Mayor of Barnsley. The Mayor was blown away by the attitudes of all of the children in school, their love of learning and their manners. She also gifted us a brand new bike that will be part of the Christmas raffle. This was awarded due to our commitment to active travel in the local area to promote healthy lifestyles, fitness and caring for our environment. Some of the money raised at the raffle will go towards new balance bikes for the EYFS children so that we keep promoting active travel to all of our pupils at the earliest opportunity. Lastly, we want to say a big well done to Y2 pupils, staff and families for working hard on your phonics for the last few years. The phonics check went very smoothly indeed and Mrs Evans has fed back to families how it went.

News nuggets:

- The school has had 4 positive COVID cases reported in the last week, all in Y4- 3 pupils and 1 staff member. Please continue to test your child regularly and report any positive results ASAP. Please also be vigilant to potential symptoms.
- We currently have a vacancy within our staff team for a new SMSA- we have a permanent and an ad-hoc contract available. Please contact us for more details and information about how to apply if this role is suitable for you.
- Please ensure that you update your contact details with the school if you ever move house, change telephone number, etc so that we can contact you should we need to.
- A little reminder that this week is the filming for our Christmas Video. The video will be launched a week on Friday via email on a private link which will be online for 2 weeks. We have contacted all families without media release to ensure that we give all children the best opportunity possible to be involved in some way- please check your emails and respond ASAP if you haven't already. Pupils require Christmas jumpers (non-uniform in general with Christmas theme!) on Friday when they film their 'bit'...a reminder that Y6 are doing theirs on Thursday, not Friday!
- Please note that Christmas cards are welcome to be shared in school but only for your child's class this year please rather than across the whole school. We will be 'trimming up' mid-week ready for the start of December!

Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 12

Attendance: 97.6% Classes of the Week: Y5 with 99.3% Late marks: 0 GOOD to be GREEN: 99%

Mini Diary- Week 13

(Well-being theme: Charity and Community at Christmas/Music of the week: Brass Music)

Dinner menu: Week 2

Monday 29th November: DT Day for Y1 (AM) and F2 (PM) Raffle tickets on sale

Tuesday 30th November: DT Day for Y2 (AM) and F2 (PM) Raffle tickets on sale

Thursday 2nd December: Y3/4 at PGS Basketball event (10 pupils selected), Christmas Jumper Day in Y6 only

Friday 3rd December: Christmas Jumper Day (F1-Y5) Star of the Week assembly

