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Week 11 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Another busy week has passed and we are gearing up for festive fun very soon! We have done a lot of work in the last week on diversity (Y5 had a special Zoom session about different faiths last week), respecting ourselves and others and considering anti-bullying strategies. Feeling safe and happy in school is so important to young people. When they are safe and happy they can thrive socially, emotionally and academically. We have many effective mechanisms in school to help children who need additional support or are experiencing friendship issues so please do talk to us. We were pleased to see in the recent questionnaires that bullying is rare and mostly dealt with swiftly and effectively. We did have a response to say that bullying isn't dealt with quickly enough. This sort of response makes it tricky when the questionnaire is anonymous as we need to unpick any issues and help the child and family in question urgently. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns at all. A special well done to the Y6 pupils (and one last minute Y4 'sibling substitute'...thank you Thomas)...you were all marvellous and worked very hard at the Boot Camp event! We must also thank everyone for their support with the Children in Need Day- we raised just short of £230 this year...marvellous work everyone and you looked wonderful in spots and stripes! The odd sock day was a hit too as it got us to think about the subtle differences between us all as human beings and about understanding each other. This week we have the World Cup themed day today with a special menu, activities and a chance to watch the match in the afternoon.

Christmas Raffle: We attach to this email/newsletter the traditional class hamper raffle prizes! We know that things are challenging at the moment financially but any donations linked to your child's class theme are hugely appreciated. Any vouchers or donations from local businesses or families are also welcomed to make our raffle exciting to boost sales- any prizes need to be in school in the next two weeks please. Tickets will go on sale next week- they will come home as a sheet of tickets to sell at £1 each. If you would like more sheets please just let us know!

Christmas Show Tickets: We will be sending out in book bags the Christmas Show tickets starting today! We have provided 2 per pupil, per show. If you are not going to use any tickets please return them and if you would like spares please let us know so that we can start a waiting list. There is no charge for tickets. Please note that at all shows, any photographs taken that include pupils other than your own child, cannot be shared on social media. Please don't share any screenshots or images taken from our Twitter feed at any time, the content on there is approved by school and families in line with our protected account and verified followers. Thank you for following this vital rule to keep all pupils, especially those without media release permissions, safe. Could we also ask that babies, toddlers and younger siblings do not attend the evening shows for KS2 unless they are able to sit throughout the show. The children and staff work really hard on their shows and it can be very off putting for the children on stage with lots of disruption in the audience. If siblings are brought to shows in the day time we would ask that parents choose a seat near to the exits so that they can step out if the baby/child becomes distressed. Again, thank you for your support in trying to make the Christmas shows a very special occasion this year as we bring them back for the first time in three years!

Learning Logs: The biggest part of our ethos in terms of 'learning together' is the learning log and home reading commitments. We don't have an awful lot of homework sheets or tasks but we do stress the importance of daily practice in the key skills. While this looks slightly different at all age groups the basics always centre around reading, phonics or spelling and maths recall skills. Please ensure that the learning log is filled in and has a parent comment or signature/initial at least once a week. I have asked that all staff check them weekly too and that they too initial them so that parents know it has been seen. The learning logs are the clearest way for us to demonstrate our effective partnership which the school ethos is built upon. Thank you.

Have a good week everyone,

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 10 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.3%	Attendance last week: 96.4%
Late marks last week: 2	Class of the week for attendance: Y5 Proud Pentagons 99.6%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.1%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 100%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 11)

Weekly themes: Music- Jazz; Wellbeing- Healthy Eating (Food and Drink); Week 1 dinner menu

Monday 21st: World Cup Theme Day- dress down (sports) and activity-based afternoon session

Tuesday 22nd: Christmas tree event (selected pupils)

Wednesday 23rd: Y6 visit and new parent, prospective tour at 4.30pm

Thursday 24th: Y5/6 boys at Barnsley Football Finals (PM) and Y3/4 Football event (in school during PM)selected pupils

Friday 25th: Star of the week and lunchtime DISCO, Mr Venus back in Y3 full time