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#### Headteacher's notes...

Welcome to our latest Newsletter! We are nearly at the end of the term and we can look forward to enjoying some festive activities next week – you will find more details below. It is noticeable that after such a long term the children are very tired. They

have coped brilliantly with all the changes that we have put in place - the same goes for all the staff.

We want to ensure that everyone stays safe and healthy so that they can enjoy the Christmas break and not have to isolate. Please help us by continuing to follow all of the guidance next week and maintaining social distancing around the school. I will write with more details next week regarding arrangements for contact tracing. Normal attendance is expected

next week unless there are exceptional circumstances and the time-limited changes to social restrictions over Christmas do not require any children to be taken out of school prematurely. If you have any questions please contact me at school.

As my email on Wednesday said, you may have seen in the media on Tuesday the Department for Education announcement that schools are permitted to make next Friday a 'non-teaching' day. We are not changing our term dates or our scheduled training days at any point during this academic year which means that our last day of term for children will still be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Earlier this week we sent home information about the COVID Winter Grant Scheme. This grant is intended to provide a range of support to families over Christmas and February half term when schools will be closed and will not able to provide free school meals for those families who need additional support at this challenging time. If you have not received a copy and would like further details please contact the office. It is available from the home page of the school website.

### Thank you



As you can see from the photographs the outdoor furniture given to the school by the family of Louise Ball is now in place – we thank them very much for their generous gift.





Enjoying



## Next week

If the weather is dry we will be doing some 'socially distanced' carol singing outside next week during the afternoons. The children will therefore need to come into school with extra warm clothing; hats, scarves, gloves, thick coat etc, as if they were carol singing.

| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December    | Y3/Y4                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 1                    |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December | Year 2                    |
|                                     | Christmas Jumper Day      |
|                                     | Christmas Dinner          |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December  | Y5/Y6                     |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | Christmas non-uniform day |



As well as these events there will be games within the classrooms which have been organised by the PTA. The children will also have the opportunity to enjoy an online interactive Pantomime which has been purchased through contributions made to the Black Bull which they have donated to the PTA. A big 'thank you' to everyone who has helped to organise these events.

The Christmas Dinner should be ordered through SIMS Pay by 5.00pm on Saturday. There is a link to SIMS Pay on the front page of the website.

## **Parent Governor**

Following the closing of nominations this week Mr Howard Bluck has been appointed as a Parent Governor.

## Admission to School September 2021

The Parents' School Preference Adviser has made a You Tube video summary available on the County Council website which covers the main points parents need to be aware of when making an application for a Reception place for September 2021. This supplements the information on the Admissions Team page about applying for a primary school place. The deadline for submitting applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

Here is a link to the website - <u>https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/support-with-choosing-a-school</u>

Here is a link to the You Tube video only - <u>https://tinyurl.com/Applyingforprimaryschool2021</u>

### **PTA News**

BAGS TO SCHOOL- thank you to everyone who filled a bag or more. We managed to raise an amazing £204. This is great so keep a look out for the next collection!

VIRTUAL PET SHOW- this closed on Wednesday and we are announcing the winners on Monday. Good luck everyone!

We had another winner from the lottery and it was Mr A Joad. Well done! If you would like to be in for a chance to win the link is below.

# http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/

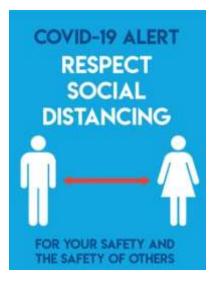
Today at 3.30pm is when our virtual raffle finishes so I hope you got your tickets to be in for a chance to win some amazing prizes. You don't want to miss out.

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If you would like to get involved with this amazing PTA team please contact us on <u>Bramptonpta@outlook.com</u>

Thank you PTA team



Thank you as always for your continued support and co-operation to make sure that we all remain safe and healthy as Christmas approaches. Please continue to take care.

