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Friday Newsletter

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18th December 2020

Headteacher's Update

Merry Christmas everyone!

Below is Merry Christmas in all the languages we have represented in school. Can you work out what the languages are?

It has definitely been a challenging term, thank you for all the messages of support and your compliance with the rules in place. I hope that this holiday will bring some joy. Children make Christmas so special so even if it isn't the Christmas we would all want, it will still be a magical time for them.

Nadolig Llawen

كرسمس ميرى

Joyeux Noël

Fröhliche Weihnachten

С Рождеством

suk san
wan Christmas

Merry Christmas

圣诞节快乐
Shèngdàn jié kuàilè

Wesołych
Świąt

메리 크리스마스

meli keuliseum aseu

Feliz Navidad

Mrs Fakes

Covid Update:

The importance of
48 hours

Having had our first Covid case this week we have had an opportunity to trial all the systems we have in place. The Local Authority were a fantastic support. Fortunately the child had not been in school for 48 hours before developing symptoms. We have had 13 children who have been tested with only the one positive. We have been very fortunate so far but need to be ready for January as the virus is still here. Further clarification

regarding the Christmas holidays have been circulated via parent mail and is available on our website. You need to inform the school during the holidays. The e mail will be picked up by either myself or Mrs Hubert from the office. One plea, is that when anyone in the household develops symptoms the whole household need to isolate, please do not send your child into school when someone in the household is awaiting a test or send anything into school (unless you can do it virtually).

Christmas Carol Service

Normally we would hold a Christmas service at St Mary's church on the last day of term. This would mainly be led by our worship ambassadors.



This year it has been a little different and we have recorded and collated the service with the worship ambassadors playing a prominent part. It is a fun service based on chocolate. I do hope you enjoy watching it... you may even be able to make out a clarinet lesson in the background!

The Christmas service can be accessed following this you tube link <https://youtu.be/YlxKEPCiUgs>

Regional Covid Tiers

Following the Government's announcement yesterday West Berkshire and Reading have been placed into Tier 3 'Very High Alert' in the latest restrictions. Please find attached a poster from the Government with their latest guidance.

Governors News

As we head into the Christmas break and the Tier 3 restrictions, as governors we would like to share a few thoughts, if we may:

- The staff and pupils have worked incredibly hard to rebuild relationships and share new learning;
- The school team have excelled in providing a safe, clean environment for all on site;
- Holding meetings virtually can be challenging.

Whilst it would be true to say that 2020 has been a peculiar year, it would also be true to say that the whole school community has supported one another in their daily living of our school vision. Thank you to everyone for making this term such a success.

Have an enjoyable Christmas and a happy, healthy 2021.

Pam Slingsby, Chair of Governors

West Berkshire Admission Changes

West Berkshire Council are consulting on a number of changes to the Admission Arrangements for West Berkshire Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. Parents are invited to comment so here is the link to the consultation:

<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/admissionarrangements>

Pencil Cases



The children will be bringing home their pencil cases this week so please can they be restocked for the next term (pencil, pencil sharpener, ruler, rubber, colouring pencils, glue stick). Please remember that pencil cases need to fit into a child's drawer and they need to be the transparent ones.

House art Competition

This term, our house competition was the bubble art. We were really impressed by the number and quality of entries. Every entry earned a house point. The winning house was Fiery Fox

Congratulations to the winners

Woodpecker Class - Jaiden (Fiery Fox)

Owl Class – Jessica (Fiery Fox)

Badger Class – Freya (Watery Otter)

Hedgehog Class- Alice (Airy Heron)

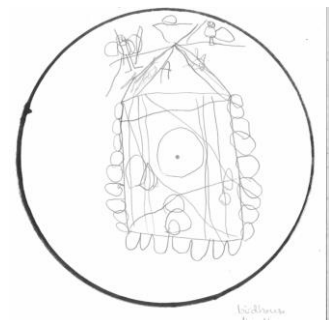
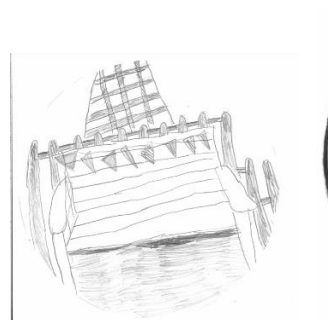
Highly commended entries

Woodpecker Class - Elliott, Abraham, Hiba, Sergio, Milo

Owl Class - Lily May., Chloe, Ollie, Lukas

Badger Class - Cora, Zara Phoebe Tovey, Jacob

Hedgehog Class - Leyla, Sadie, George, Cecily



Guess the name of the Elf Competition

Thank you to all who entered the Guess the name of the Elf competition. We raised a wonderful £133.00 for FOPS. The winning entry was picked by Mrs Fakes live via a link to all classrooms. The winner was Jessica in Woodpecker class who has named him Elfis Presley. Congratulations Jessica.



Reminders:

- School returns Tuesday 5th January 2021

Diary Dates

21/12/20 04/01/21	CHRISTMAS BREAK
05/01/21	Start of Spring Term 1
12/02/21	End of Spring Term 1
15/02/21 19/02/21	HALF TERM
22/02/21	Start of Spring Term 2
31/03/21	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
01/04/21 16/04/21	EASTER BREAK
19/04/21	Start of Summer 1
28/05/21	End of Summer 1
31/05/21 04/06/21	HALF TERM
07/06/21	Start of Summer 2
20/07/21	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on

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Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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