



Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Fundraising**

There is a range of fantastic fundraising news which I wish to share with you. Firstly, as a result of the excellent work of the PTA and your generosity, a defibrillator has been purchased for the school and is now wall-mounted outside of the school office. We hope this is never needed but in the event it is, this could be a genuine life-saver and we are extremely grateful to have this in school. In addition to this, the sponsored read raised an incredible £2,165.00 which is amazing but we have also earned an extra percentage on top of this which makes the grand total of £3,464.00 to spend on books for school. We are enormously excited about what we will be able to achieve for the children in accessing more quality books for every class with this money. Finally, the donations for Children in Need totalled £460.00 and this will make a real difference to children's lives that are incredibly challenging. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### **Foundation Stage Parents' Evenings**

As with the other meetings so far this term, these opportunities will take place by telephone on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 3.30pm and 6pm. To make the process as efficient as possible, we would like you to specify which night you would like to be allocated and whether you would like the class teacher to telephone before 4.50pm or after 4.50pm. To do this, write the date and time block preference in your child's reading diary, sending this into school from 23.11.20. Please don't do this through other means like Class Dojo otherwise it could be missed. Class teachers will allocate parents/carers to time blocks in the fairest way possible and will try to accommodate everyone's needs. The school office will text out to families the allocated time blocks from 26.11.20. On the night of your child's parents' evening, your child's class teacher will try to telephone you within that allocated time period for a conversation of 10 minutes as it would be in a face-to-face meeting. The meetings will cover the same aspects as a normal meeting at this time, celebrating the children's achievements as people and learners and their next steps of learning.

If you would like to provide feedback on the telephone calls which have taken place already, please email [school@wce.jmat.org.uk](mailto:school@wce.jmat.org.uk) by 20.11.20 using the headings below and showing your child's class in the email.

- What was useful/successful about the meetings?
- What could we do in the event of further telephone meetings to make the meetings even better?

We will provide a further opportunity to do this after the Foundation Stage meetings.

### **Christmas in school**

Whilst making sure everything we do is as safe as possible, we still want to give the children the opportunity to engage with a range of events and opportunities that support their understanding and enjoyment of the Christmas Story. I will outline these at the earliest possible opportunity so that you and the children are aware of them. Below are the events planned so far.

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- Virtual assemblies from the Headteacher each week will follow the themes of Advent.
- On 24.11.20, children will be given a Children's Society Candle to take home and during the same week Rev John Parker will produce a short video to share with children and families to outline the work of the Children's Society which we would usually reflect on during our Christingle Service. If families would like to donate to this charity which we usually support at this time, please place your donation into the candle box and return to your child's class by 10.12.20.
- Christmas cards can be exchanged within class bubbles from week commencing 30.11.20. Please bring the cards in on Mondays only each week marked with the recipient's full name on the front. These will then be given out in class on Thursdays.
- Foundation Stage 2 and KS1 Christmas Dinner will be on 09.12.20 and KS2 will be on 10.12.20. We have split the Christmas dinners this year so the children can fully enjoy the experience whilst working in the way in which we currently have to organise dinners.
- We are putting together plans for how we will best provide opportunities for Nativity in a safe way and also KS2 carols. I will update you on this in a separate letter.

### **Breakfast Club**

From late September, we have been providing breakfast club provision for up to 30 children each day to provide the early morning childcare which these families require. As a result of the systems and structures that have been developed during this period, we are now able to increase the number of places to 40 children from January. We currently have a waiting list but if you would like to be added to this list, please email [school@wce.jmat.org.uk](mailto:school@wce.jmat.org.uk) as soon as possible and Mrs Burrows will endeavour to accommodate as many families as possible. Families will be informed about places for January by 26.11.20.

If you have any questions about any items in this newsletter, please contact me via the school office on 01709 760471.

Yours sincerely

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