



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents,

We are putting together our plans for the last 3 weeks of this term and it is going to be a very different season of Advent than our usual one. There will be no Nativity or Carol Service or Advent Mass. We cannot enjoy a Christmas Disco and parent get together. We cannot mix bubbles. We cannot invite you in to see how wonderful our school is looking.

HOWEVER we can enjoy everything virtually!!!

So we are planning to make a Christmas video to send to you all with each class recording something special for Christmas. You can then enjoy this in the comfort of your armchair.

We are going to have Christmas Jumper day on 17<sup>th</sup> December and enjoy a virtual disco with DJ Grillo being 'zoomed' live to each classroom!

We are going to still enjoy a 'Mrs Nuttall Special Christmas Dinner' with our friends in our bubbles.

We are going to have a Virtual Christmas Sing-a-long with Mrs Goffee being 'zoomed' live to each classroom.

And of course we will put up our festive decorations and even build a Christmas Grotto in the triangle for our EYFS children to enjoy. Santa may visit too!

So as we approach the first Sunday of Advent, we can feel relieved that we have a lot to be thankful for: everyone in our school family is safe and well, and we can still celebrate at this special time of year, even if it is a little different.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation with the restrictions we have had to put in place due to Covid-19. So far our measures are working well and keeping everyone in our school community safe and well.

So take care and stay safe.

Mrs Whitehead

## **18<sup>th</sup> December**

We close at lunchtime on the 18<sup>th</sup> December for our 2 week Christmas holidays. The staggered finish times are as follows:

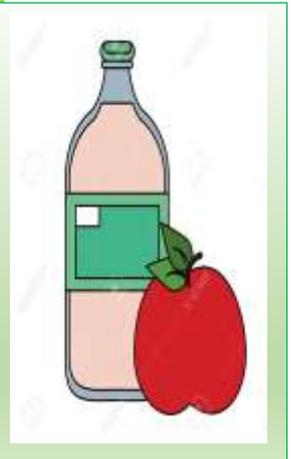
- 12:00 Pre-school
- 12:05 Reception
- 12:10 Year 1
- 12:15 Year 2/3
- 12:20 Year 4
- 12:15 Year 5
- 12:20 Year 6

We return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and we need to maintain the current staggered start and finish times to maintain our bubbles. Thank you for your support.

	<b>Drop off</b>	<b>Pick up</b>
Pre-school	9.00am	3.00pm
Reception	8.30am	3.15pm
Year 1	8.25am	3.20pm
Year 2/3	8.20am	3.25pm
Year 4	8.15am	3.30pm
Year 5	8.20am	3.30pm
Year 6	8.15am	3.35pm

## Keeping Healthy

A reminder that your child needs to bring their school water bottle each day please. They can also bring a piece of fruit for their morning snack. We have noticed recently that some children have started to bring biscuits or pastries. We ask that you **only** send them with some fruit. It is a long time until lunchtime now that we are starting the day earlier, so we do encourage you to ensure they have a hearty breakfast before school and bring fruit for a snack. Some children are ravenous by their lunchtime. They need to fuel their bodies in order to achieve maximum learning, and eating very little or nothing at all until lunchtime is not advisable.



## Shoebox Appeal for the Elderly

Thank you so much for the donations so far for this local charity. Charter House, Burnley are asking for items suitable for Christmas gift boxes for the elderly which they will distribute in Burnley before Christmas. Items requested are: hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks, tree decorations, word/puzzle books, jigsaws, ornaments, biscuits or chocolates, mince pies or anything you think they would like.



## Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets for our annual Christmas raffle have gone home with the children this week. We would be very grateful if you could support this fundraiser by sending in a raffle prize. The raffle will be drawn on 14<sup>th</sup> December and prizes sent home with the children that week. All proceeds go into the PTA fund to buy resources for the children to use in school. Thank you.



## ISA Competitions

Art- A massive well done to Barney in Year 1 and Hanna in Reception who are both winners of the ISA Art Competition for the North. Their paintings will now go forward to the national finals in February. This is our first art competition win and we are very proud of them.

English – ISA poetry competition – Cora in Y6, Florence in Y4 and Jessica in Y2 have won our school poetry competition. The theme was 'Everything all at Once'. These wonderful poems will go forward now to the ISA finals. Well done girls!



## Food Bank Burnley

We are still collecting for the Foodbank in Burnley, however they have mentioned that they are really short of plastic bags in order to distribute the food to families in the community. If you have any spare plastic bags in drawers? Please could you bring in next week. (Even if you only have 1). Thank you

## 100 Club Winners

### **October**

- 1<sup>st</sup> A Eva
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Varley

### **November**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Malpass
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Payne