



NEWSLETTER

DATE November 2020

UP COMING DATES

Odd Socks Day
Friday 20th November

**Christmas Dinner
&
Christmas Jumper Day**
Wednesday 16th December

Class Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December

Back up – Pack up



All classes (with the exception of Y5) are now back in the main hall for school meals.

Over the Covid period, the uptake of free school meals has been low. To help to improve this we would like to launch the back-up pack-up initiative to all classes.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal or a universal free school meal (R, Y1, Y2) we are encouraging them to have this by ordering something from the menu each day and giving it a try. They may bring a packed lunch from home as a back-up option (and will have this in the dining hall ready with them) so that if they do not like the meal, they will not go hungry. Just let your child's class teacher know that this is what they are doing.

The lunch menu is available on our school website and will shortly be updated with a description of some of the more 'unusual' sounding meals and photographs of what is actually on offer.

Christmas Hampers

To support the local community at such a challenging time, we are collecting donations of toiletries and nightwear etc to create gift hampers for the residents of Thornhill House.

Please could all items be unused. Any donations (no matter how small – think harvest collection style) would be greatly appreciated.



Please can any donations be sent in to the school office **by Friday 4th December please**. We will we pack and wrap these to deliver the following week, following a 72 hour quarantine.



Anti-bullying Week

As part of anti-bullying week we are asking children to come to school on Friday wearing odd socks.



Children will take part in assemblies and class discussions around this over the course of the week.

This will include looking at online bullying. Please discuss this with your child at home as we often have issues involving messaging and social media use at home being reported to school.



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Remembrance

Well done to everyone for your amazing effort with our poppy design competition that we held last week. The children's designs were very impressive and it helped us all to remember the soldiers who have fought in wars over the years.



Exciting News!

As I am sure that many of you have recently noticed, Mrs Hall is having a baby!



She is due to leave us at around February half term. We currently have a live advert for her cover and will share information on who this will be as soon as we appoint to the position.

Children In Need

Thank you for your fantastic effort with 'crazy' outfits for children in need. A great day was had by all.



In total we raised just over £100!

Road Safety Week

This week marks national road safety week. As you know, parking up on Snape Hill Road is an ongoing issue for school.

As we now have a crossing patrol back in place (on a part time basis) this is helping to make it safer for our children but if we could all make a conscious effort this week to be even more cautious during drop off and collection points that would be great.

We will be discussing road safety with the children this week – so expect a telling off from them if you are not following the rules!

Thank you to those of you who follow parking regulations when dropping your children off.

Christmas Festivities

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we will not be able to celebrate Christmas in school as we previously have done.

There will not be any Christmas performances as we are unable to invite audiences in to school to watch these, or mix classes to perform them.

In place of this, we are hoping to put together a 'Christmas Compilation' video from the whole school where each class will make their own contribution through singing and/or other activities.



Christmas jumper day, a Christmas film afternoon (in place of our usual pantomime), Christmas lunch and In-class Christmas parties will still go ahead as normally as possible – whilst following Covid safe procedures.

Each child will also receive a small gift from school as they have done so in previous years.