

NEWSLETTER 15 - 18th December 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Christmas Generosity – We would like to say a big thank you to Bidford Co-Op, Stratford Food Bank, Evesham Morrisons and the Salvation Army for their immense kindness and generosity in helping us to support members of our school community during this difficult time. Thank you to Bidford Co-Op for providing all of the children with a bag of treats for Christmas.

We would also like to thank the BSA for funding a Christmas lunch for all KS2 children, the online Cinderella Pantomime and for sending each child home with a book for Christmas. Our school really appreciates everyone's support.

Christmas Activities

- This week we joined in with the online Christingle Service from Coventry Cathedral. Each part of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time. The orange represents the world, the red tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ and the lit candle represents Jesus as the light of the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness. Thank you to Bidford Co-Op for providing the oranges.
- Mrs Fisher and her team cooked and served nearly 300 Christmas lunches to pupils and staff on Wednesday. They were ably assisted by the Staff who served their own class bubbles.
- Reception children made and decorated Christmas themed biscuits this week. They looked very bright and festive – we hope you enjoyed them.
- Children in Year 3 and 4 designed, made and decorated gift boxes for their D & T project. They then made delicious chocolate truffles to put them in.

Poppy Appeal – Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy this year, we raised a record amount of £227.33 for the British Legion.

Music Tuition – Next term, music lessons will start on Tues 5th Jan so children will need to bring their instrument.

School Dinners – Children will be asked to select their menu choice each morning at registration. Please see our school website for the menu.

Covid-19 Awareness –

- If your child is showing any of the 3 main Covid-19 symptoms: **high temperature, continuous cough and/or loss/change to smell/taste** they should isolate immediately and have a Covid-19 test. If they are unwell with any of these other symptoms: loss of appetite, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, extreme tiredness, headaches, joint pain, muscle ache, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, altered consciousness or seizures it is recommended they do not come into school and have a test if you are unsure.
- **Latest Government advice** can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>
- **Positive Covid-19 Test** – If any of your household are isolating on Monday 4th January, please call the school office on 01789 773201.

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Message from the School Health Team – After an uncertain year parents may be needing support in dealing with issues including challenging behaviour, difficult emotions and sleep disorders. Help is available for Warwickshire families via <https://www.compass-uk.org/news/parents/help-at-christmas/>. It gives details about seeking advice from School Health and Family Lives and contains useful websites, details of other local services and self-help resources.

Operation Snap – We often remind parents to be considerate when parking on the roads around the school and also to treat our neighbours with respect and politeness. If parents and residents are concerned about inappropriate parking, they can report it by calling 101 or use this link <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/operationsnap>.

School Applications - Applications for school places for Reception next year should be made online <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> by 15th Jan 2021.

Book of the Week – We always enjoy ‘The Night before Christmas’ by Clement Moore. This traditional poem from 1822 is a lovely story that captures the wonder and excitement of waiting for St Nicholas.

On behalf of all our staff and governors, I would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteer helpers for their support this year. We thank all of you for ensuring children have attended school regularly and for supporting our social distancing routines.

We all wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you on TUESDAY 5th January 2021.

Mr A Simms