



NEWSLETTER NO 6 - Monday 6th December 2021

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October	Term Half	Tuesday 2 November	Friday 17 December
Spring 2022	Wednesday 5 January	Friday 18 February		Tuesday 1 March	Friday 8 April
Summer 2022	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May		Tuesday 7 June	Wednesday 20 July

Inset Days: 4 January 2022, 28 February 2022, 6 June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2021!

Thank you for your ongoing support around our Covid-related measures; if you have not yet read the information provided on Friday around Christmas events and conditions of said events, please do take a moment to read these through so we can ensure the safest possible festivities during these last two weeks of term. Separate letters for the Infant Nativity Tickets and the Junior Christmas Service have also been issued.

As of today, we have:

- 1 new case (Year 1)
- 2 outstanding PCR tests
- 1 remaining staff case

A number of parents have expressed a concern about how cold the classrooms have been recently. This is obviously due to the ventilation measures we are taking, however no classroom has extended periods of time where all doors and windows are open. Whilst most of the airing takes place when the children are out at playtimes, we do endeavour to strike a balance of heating and ventilation around the school. The children are welcome to put on extra layers of clothing beneath their uniform and wear their coats in class as several children have opted to do. We do also remind your children to wear their coats at playtimes and send them back in to get it if they have forgotten.

Christmas Event Parking

We have informed Cala Homes when our Nativity performances will be taking place next week however, please be mindful of parking for these occasions, walking or making use of the Sports Club car park where possible.

Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place this coming Friday on December 10th in aid of the charity 'Save the Children'. Children should still wear uniform/PE kit as appropriate please however are invited to swap out their school jumper with a Christmas Jumper paying a £1 donation for the privilege.

Children's Christmas Crafts

In the absence of the Christmas Fayre this year, the children have still produced their Christmas craft items and gifts. In order to limit crowds and waiting times, classes will be selling these after school on the following days and locations:

EYFS & Year 1: Thursday 9th December at the EYFS gate. Cost **£1.50**

Year 2: Wednesday 8th December in the main playground. Cost **£1.50**

Year 3 & 4: Thursday 9th December in the main playground. Cost **£2**

Year 5: Monday 13th December in the main playground. Cost **£2**

Year 6: Arrangements have been made with the students who will bring money in and take their **secret** gift home themselves. Cost **£3**.

House Captains Charity of the Year 2021-2022

After a whole school vote on four charities, the winner for the *House Captains Charity of the Year* is the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). There will be a House Captain Cake Sale this Friday 10th December 2021 at breaktime. A flyer went home with every child on Friday 3rd December.

The house captains will be baking and buying cakes, but they desperately need donations of individual cakes to help raise money for this worthy cause. Shop bought or homemade cakes will be gratefully received. Please **bring and buy**. We need as many cakes as we can get. They will be priced from 20p - £1 depending on their size. Many thanks indeed for all your support of this worthy cause. Please note: no large cakes that require slicing up please.

From the Year 6 House Captains

UEFA Sticker Album

Having registered the school for a special promotion, the school have received a delivery of Sticker Albums to distribute amongst the children over the coming days. These are for the Junior classes in the first instance however if there are spares we will offer them to the younger classes.

Christmas Parties

We will be holding individual class parties on Thursday 16th December and children may wear their own/party clothes on the day. In the interests of hygiene and minimising risk, the school will provide party food snacks as part of proceedings. Children with allergies will be catered for but if you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Post-Christmas Precautions

We are all hopeful that we will be able to spend as much time as possible over the Christmas holiday with family and friends. There is understandably concern that with so many different people mixing, there is an increased risk of Covid being passed between groups and brought into school. With this in mind, we currently intend to continue the current measures we have in place for the first two weeks of term so we can limit this risk. Please also continue to be vigilant at home if you or your children start to feel unwell or show any of the main symptoms. Please remember that Tuesday 4th January is a Staff INSET day and we will update you with the latest information before we return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy New Year!

Mr M Tomson
Headteacher

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Alex, Izzy,	Year 3	Joseph, Elsa, Jasmine, Olivia
Year 1	Jack, Thomas C, Maisie, Oliver F	Year 4	Charlotte, Charlie, Chloe, Toby
Year 2	Harper, Matty, Lilly, Alfred	Year 5	Barnaby, Jessica, Leonardo, Eloise
		Year 6	Emily Sm, Tilly, Harry Sienna

DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

9 Dec	PTFA Waterside Panto Ticket Night
10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
10 Dec	House Captain charity cake sale for WWF
13 Dec	Infant Nativity, 9.30-10.30am & 2.00-3.00pm
14 Dec	Infant Nativity, 6.30-7.30pm
15 Dec	Junior Christmas Church service 9.30-10.30am
15 Dec	AIP Christmas lunch
16 Dec	Class Christmas parties
17 Dec	Last day of term
4 Jan	Inset day
5 Jan	Children return to school
