

10 January 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 15

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Mr Dean	-	Jake Hartley	Alys Bulley
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Ellie Edgell	Tyler Rew
Miss Abraham	-	Oliver Mancey	Grace Smith Gray
Miss Ramli	-	Ethan Jenkins	Riley Jenkins
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Naimah Odunuga	Henry Wrigley
Mr Evens	-	Matthew Wilkosz	Samuel Roberts
Mr Garcia	-	Harper Stewart	Tommy Sol Schwarz
Mrs Leonard	-	Finnley Garrett	Miriam Payne
Miss Hake	-	Maisie Watson	Alfie Grace
Mrs North	-	Jayden Norman	Alice Gheti
Miss Wingett	-	Ava Cotter	Seun Olaniyi

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a restful and stress free Christmas holiday. It is good to see that Omicron variant hasn't been too severe within our school community. We returned to school last Wednesday with practically a full complement of children and staff and those not in school were not linked to Covid.

However, we are mindful that that may well change over the coming weeks. Therefore, we will do our very best to ensure that we remain in school at all times for all classes. If we do have staff absence due to Covid or any other illness, then we will do our very best to cover with either supply agency or internally with redeploying staff within school. There may be days when we may have to split classes within KS2 with pre-prepared work packs or have Key Stage 1 classes led by the teaching assistants, who are more than capable of doing this. In the event of large scale staff absence we may need to consider remote learning, however I will stress that this will be the very final option.

I have included two pdf's with the newsletter from the LA on updated self-isolation protocol and household support that may be available for those that need it. Please do have a look at this information.

Let's try to stay as safe, well and healthy as possible this term.

TRAFFIC

As you will be aware there are major roadworks in the A38 near to the Hortham village junction. These will last for some time and may cause disruption on the journey to and from school. Therefore please leave plenty of time when bringing the children to and collecting from school. There has already been increased traffic coming through the village at peak times due to drivers trying to find alternative routes. Please be aware of the additional traffic and be extremely careful when crossing the road and walking to and from school. The Road Safety team have increased the school crossing patrol thanks to Jackie and there will be a speed visor installed on Sundays Hill to warn drivers of their speed. Please be extra vigilant and careful with the children.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thank you for your kind and generous donations at the many different Christmas performances that took place in December. Your generosity is enabling us to send £301.44 to Save the Children charity.

REINDEER RUN

Despite the drizzle, the Reindeer Run was a huge success with the children and the parents. We were so pleased that the event could go ahead and that so many parents came along to support the children as they ran in their reindeer antlers. The stalls were also a great hit with the parents, however it was quite a squeeze with everyone trying to watch the children and collect their goodies as well.



CHRISTMAS FUND RAISING

We would like to thank all of those who were able to sponsor the children or donated through their just giving site. The total raised so far is a very impressive £2701, with an extremely generous donation of just over £1,000 from one particular parent. This along with the £655 raised from the selling of goods on the day at the stalls and then the £600 from the sales of the Christmas cards and other items and the £1,250 from the colour hamper raffle the PA raised a magnificent grand total of £5,206!!!!

PEACE HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Peace. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be investigating 'Don't forget to let Love in' with Heartsmart and Individual Liberty within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Hebrews 13:5

"Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." This is a way of understanding that we are loved by Him. There are other people in our lives that are committed to us also, who might they be?"



PARENT GOVERNOR

We received one nomination for the role of parent governor by the deadline date. Therefore Samuel Turner, who is a current Reception parent has been put forward to fulfil the role.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in becoming part of our lunchtime team, then please contact the office for more details. The hours are 12 noon to 1.30pm Monday to Friday. Hopefully, we will be able to recruit very shortly.

PA NEWS –

Wow! What a start to our 2021/22 fundraising year!

Together, we have raised a fantastic £9,106 this academic year to date. This has been achieved through our fundraising initiatives including the Colour Hamper Raffle (well done if you won- they looked amazing again!), our first Reindeer Run (the herd of red antlers was spectacular!), IQ cards, wreath making and secondhand uniform and playground sales to name a few!

We've benefitted from an Asda grant of £1,000, a Lloyds Banking Group Matched Giving donation of £1,000, the Easyfundraising app scheme, the AmazonSmile scheme and One Lottery.

The School has also benefitted from donations from the Amazon Wishlists, and received an additional grant from Admiral to supply new gym mats.

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As a result of your generosity and with a strong provision from the last Academic Year, we have been able give the School the following:

- Brand new Playground Markings (over £2500)
- Scrap store Resources (£925)
- Forest School Resources and gardening
- Year 6 leavers gifts and hoodies for 2022
- Parents Evening Booking System
- Reception Packs
- Books at Bedtime treats
- Class Christmas Presents and parties

We'll additionally be contributing an incredible £12,000 to the new KS2 playground in the New Year. Thank you to all the local businesses who have donated items, sponsored events (Sword Dynamic Services for the Reindeer Run) or have got involved in fundraising and have supported the school. Movie Night will be rearranged as soon as we can, and it's safe to do so.

Lastly, thank you to our PA volunteers and teachers. Your dedication to support and help the school to deliver an outstanding school experience to our children is, and has always been, a very valuable one.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

There are a number of websites that will be helpful for each child to investigate to help them with their home learning. This week's website is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
		Information and action
		Information and action

DATES 2021/22

TERM 3

Friday 14 January	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Friday 21 January	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Friday 28 January	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Friday 4 February	KS1 Number Day
	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Tuesday 8 February	Paralympic athlete visiting school for the day and working with pupils
Friday 11 February	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Thursday 17 February	Last day for pupils of Term 3
Friday 18 February	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

TERM 4

Monday 28 February	Start of Term 4 for children
Friday 4 March	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Friday 11 March	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Friday 18 March	Comic Relief Day
	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Friday 25 March	Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Monday 4 April	SMSC Week
Friday 8 April	End of Term 4

Term dates for 2021/22

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021

Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Term 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
Term 4	Monday 28 February 2022	Friday 8 April 2022
Term 5	Monday 25 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Thursday 21 July 2022
INSET DAYS confirmed	Thursday 2 September 2021 Friday 3 September 2021 Tuesday 4 January 2022 Friday 18 February 2022 Friday 27 May 2022	