



Sowing the Seeds for Success – With God Nothing is Impossible

Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

As we approach the end of the most unusual, difficult and tiring term, I would like to thank you all again for your support and cooperation in enabling us to keep everyone safe – it is very much appreciated. The children have dealt with the changes to school procedures and new ways of working incredibly well and we are all very proud of the way that they have coped. I would also like to thank the wonderful Two Village Team who have all worked so hard during the term to ensure that things have run smoothly and our whole school community has remained safe. Their hard work, positivity and dedication to adhering to new ways of working has been fantastic.

Remote Learning Day

As you will be aware, the Government have given schools the option to close to pupils on Friday 18th December and to offer remote learning on the first day of the Spring Term. As explained on Dojo yesterday, we will not be closing next Friday as we do not feel enough notice was given to enable our parents/carers to arrange childcare for this day. We also do not have a non pupil day that we can give up next year, to replace this day, as we have already planned how all of these will be used. We will, however, be using 5th January as a remote learning day to enable us to identify any positive cases of Covid from the second half of the Christmas break and deal with any implications this might have on staffing and pupil numbers in advance of a full return to school. On this day, Two Village will be closed to all pupils. Teachers will offer remote learning through Seesaw or work posted via Dojo. Children will return to school on **Wednesday 6th January**.

Contact Tracing

You will have heard that schools will be responsible for contact tracing during the first half of the Christmas break. We will be sending out a letter next week to explain when and how you can contact us during this time.

Wear a Christmas Hat Day

Wear a Christmas Hat Day will be held on **Friday 18th December**. This fundraising event is to support the Brain Tumour Research charity. This charity is close to the hearts of one of our pupils, Elias, and his family who have a friend with a brain tumour. Elias in Acorn Class and his family have set up a Just Giving page linked to Elias' friend to raise money for this event so it would be wonderful (and possibly easier) if everyone could donate through this. Please find the link below:

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww>

Christmas Cake Competition

It was fantastic to see so many creative Christmas cakes today. We will be sharing the photographs from this later today and announcing the winner!

Drop Offs and Collections

When dropping off or collecting children each day, please could we remind everyone of the importance of keeping your distance from school staff and children. At the front of the school, parents should remain in the turning circle and at the back of the school they should remain further back on

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the path or playground. We would also request that you wear masks if at all possible to keep our whole school community safe. We thank you for your continued cooperation.

Goodbye

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Gibb, our Learning Mentor, will be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Gibb came to Two Village originally in 2017 to deliver 1:1 sessions with children across the school and cover classes as a supply teacher. She later taught the current Year 5 class when they were in Year 3 for a term when Mrs Honeycombe was unwell. Last year, she decided to have a change in role and became our Learning Mentor. She brought much experience and expertise to this role, as a result of her many years teaching and then leading in schools. Mrs Gibb has been a wonderful Learning Mentor but has decided that now is the time for a move away from teaching and schools. We will miss her very much and wish her happiness for the future.

Christmas Cards

There is still time for children to bring in Christmas cards for their friends if they would like to. Children may still bring cards in on Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th so that they can be quarantined and handed out on Friday. Unfortunately, as already explained, children cannot mix with other classes at the moment so they will only be able to send cards to people in their own class.

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated money towards the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. The teachers have been busy buying presents and I'm sure they will be able to share with you what they have managed to buy before they send it on.

Christmas Performances

All of our classes are currently doing their final practising for their class performances that will be shared with you via a Youtube link at the end of term.

Reading Challenge

Please see below the results from the Reading Challenge for this half term so far. The table shows the percentage of children in each class reading at least 5 times per week.

Congratulations to Beech Class and Hazel Class for winning the challenge three times each already this half term. It is also fantastic to see different classes with such high percentages as it means there are lots more children reading regularly. Well done everyone!

We look forward to Acorn Class joining our Reading Challenge next term.

Week	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2/11/20	81%	92%	77%	52%	68%	61%
9/11/20	78%	85%	45%	52%	85%	72%
16/11/20	100%	86%	61%	64%	100%	78%
23/11/20	78%	93%	30%	68%	100%	72%
30/11/20	89%	89%	56%	64%	85%	82%

Mrs Natasha Bennett
Headteacher



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Diary Dates 2020-21

Date	Event
Friday 18 th December	Last day of the Autumn Term for pupils Wear a Christmas Hat Day
Monday 4 th January	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 5 th January	REMOTE LEARNING DAY
Wednesday 6 th January	Children return to school