



Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

We would like to thank everyone who has been wearing a face mask when delivering or collecting their children. We appreciate your support in keeping everyone in our school community safe during this difficult time.

Vine Passport

We have been very impressed with the children's response to the Vine Passport and we are amazed at the number of children who have completed challenges, especially in Year 1. We will be receiving our special badges from the Vine next week.

Children in Need

It has been wonderful to see so many children dressed in yellow, spots or pudsey clothing to help us to raise money for Children in Need today. Everyone looked fantastic and the Pudsey biscuits went down well. We will let you know how much we have raised next week.

Upcoming Events

We would like to remind you of the events below which will take place this half term.

Christmas Jumper Day – **Friday 11th December** The children will be invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the day (over their school uniform) to raise money for Save the Children.

Wear a Christmas Hat Day – **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 and his family who have a friend with a brain tumour.

Please note that as we have two fundraising events very close to one another, we will be asking all children to donate a set amount for Wear a Christmas Hat Day. The decision to donate for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day will be optional or donations can be less than the normal suggested amount.

Advent Calendar Competition – children will today bring home a template which they can use to create their Christmas design for our whole school advent calendar. If your child would like to enter, make sure that they have their template. Designs should be related to the Christmas story and the children can use any medium that they would like to use.

Christmas Cake Competition – children will be invited to design and make a Christmas cake this year. There are no limits/rules so you can be as creative as you like. Cakes can be of any shape/size and decorated in anyway that you like. Cakes will be sold or auctioned after the competition. Finished competition entries should be brought into school on Friday 11th December.

Pupil Led Worship

Sadly, we have not received many images of children demonstrating perseverance at home. We were hoping to use some of these within a pupil led worship on perseverance and include them within a special book celebrating what we learnt last half term through worship. However, these two activities have been held up as we don't have many examples. If you would still like to send a photograph of your child demonstrating this value, please send this via dojo to the class teacher if



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you can, as soon as possible. Congratulations to Year 1 who have been very good at demonstrating perseverance and sharing this with us.

Class Newsletters

This half term, each class will be producing a short class newsletter at the end of November and another one towards the end of December to share with you what they have been learning and what they have been doing in class. These will be available on the school's website. Links to this will be sent via Class Dojo

Guy Carnival Fundraising

We are very pleased to say that, even though we did not win the line of pennies competition across the Harwich schools, we came second. Thank you to everyone who donated towards this.

Christmas Dinner

Due to restrictions in place as part of our Covid 19 risk assessment and Government guidance, we will have to run our Christmas Dinner day slightly differently this year to ensure everyone's safety. This year, we will be holding two separate Christmas Dinner Days. Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will have their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 9th December and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will have their Christmas Dinner on the following day. As both of these days will be incredibly busy for the kitchen, we will be asking children to bring in a packed lunch on whichever day of the two days they are not having Christmas Dinner. For example, children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday 9th December and Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will need to bring one on Thursday 10th December. If your child is entitled to free school meals, we can provide a packed lunch option for them. Bookings and payment for Christmas Dinner will need to be made by 26th November. Please look out for the separate letter about this.

Outdoor Learning Day

Last week, all of our classes enjoyed taking part in a range of activities outside during Outdoor Learning Day. Please enjoy some pictures of the children below.





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PE Kits

Please could we remind everyone that the children need their PE kits in school all of the time. We have had a number of children across the school who have been unable to take part in PE lessons recently because they do not have all or part of their PE kit in school.

Reading Challenge

We have restarted our Reading Challenge this half term and I was very pleased to see two classes in competition for the top percentage last week. Congratulations to Year 2 who won last week and to both Year 2 and Year 5 who are joint winners today.

Football

Just a reminder that now that the weather is changing, the field is becoming extremely muddy. As football is so popular with some of our pupils, we still want them to be able to use the field for football on their allocated day/s.

In order for the children to use the field for football at lunchtime, children will need to bring in a spare set of old clothing, including footwear, which can be used on the field. This can be kept in a carrier bag on a peg in the cloakroom. If your child enjoys playing football during their lunchtime break, we would ask that they are provided with a change of clothing to play in from next week.

Football days:

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Monday

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Friday



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Year 5 - Wednesday

Year 6 - daily

Parent Consultations

Hopefully most parents/carers will have now managed to speak to their child's teacher this week about how they are getting on in class. If you were unable to make one of the appointments this week please let us know (by email or Class Dojo) and we will arrange an appointment for a more convenient time.

Non Pupil Day Reminder

Please note that there is a non-pupil day coming up on Friday 27th November.

Mrs Natasha Bennett
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020-21

Date	Event
Friday 27 th November	NON PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 9 th December	EY, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 10 th December	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11 th December	Cake Competition judging
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	Children return to school