



Newsletter

Friday 26th November 2020

Progress

Over the last week and a half, I have been incredibly pleased to have seen a number of children who have made fantastic progress this term with their learning. As in all schools across the country, we have noticed many gaps in children's learning as a result of the school closure and staff have been working extremely hard to close these. Some of the progress that I have seen this week, particularly in writing, has been very impressive. Congratulations to all of the children who have shared their successes with me. A huge well done to the following children:

- Lucas in Year 4 for a huge improvement in handwriting and writing in general
- Declan in Year 6 for a huge improvement in his handwriting and presentation
- Ben in Year 3 for a huge improvement in his handwriting
- Vinnie-Wray, Rhys, Neve and Callum in Year 1 for fantastic progress in writing and LillyAnn for fabulous progress in reading
- Harrison in Year 2 for a huge improvement in spelling and Emili for fantastic progress in reading
- Poppy in Year 5 for a huge improvement in her spelling

To celebrate the children's successes, we have decided to introduce termly progress certificates. These will be awarded to children who have made exceptional progress in any area of the curriculum during the term. I look forward to awarding our first set of these at the end of term.

Goodbye to Miss Mortimer

Today was sadly Miss Mortimer's last day at Two Village. Miss Mortimer has worked in the school kitchen, as part of the Catering Team, since 2016 and has been a valuable member of the team. We will all miss her very much and wish her luck and success for the future.

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.

Christmas Cake Competition – children are 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 any way that you like. Cakes will be sold or auctioned after the competition. Finished competition entries should be brought into school on Friday 11th December. We will be taking pictures



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of the cakes during the morning and will share these on Dojo so that parents/carers can make offers to buy them.

Drop Offs and Collections

We would like to thank everyone for adhering to the drop off and collection arrangements and for wearing masks outside the school. Positive parental support has made things much easier during this difficult period. We have noticed recently that some children are running around at both the front and back of the school which poses a risk to bubbles being mixed. Having noticed this, we have reminded the children in class that they must remain away from other children at these times. However, we would very much appreciate your support in also reminding them at home/in the mornings or afternoons if you notice them doing this.

Website

Now we are part of the Vine Schools Trust, we have had a brand new school website built for us. The website will go live very soon and we will send out the link for this as soon as we receive it.

Class Newsletters

Class newsletters will soon be available on the school website. These will be placed on the existing website for now and transferred to the new one once this goes live. Teachers will post a link to this on Class Dojo. Early Years will continue to share their learning weekly via Class Dojo and Tapestry.

Christmas Cards

As things are a little different this year and children cannot move around the school in the same way as usual, we are unable to use our post box for sending Christmas cards this year. To enable children to still send cards to their friends, we are asking them to bring cards in on a Monday or Tuesday so that they can be quarantined and handed out on a Friday. Unfortunately, as children cannot mix with other classes at the moment, they will only be able to send cards to people in their own class.

Parking

Please may we remind everyone once again about parking considerately when delivering and collecting your children from school. We have had complaints from the Little Oakley Parish Council this week about parents parking on kerbs and blocking entrances. They have said that this is particularly a problem in the mornings.

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

You may remember that last year the children and staff donated food for hampers, instead of giving and receiving gifts. This year, we are hoping to do something similar by donating to the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. If you would like to support this, we are asking for children to donate up to £1 towards gifts. School staff in each class will then match the total amount of money raised to buy gifts for the appeal instead of giving and receiving gifts. If you would like to donate, please send the money in with your child or hand it over to a member of staff at the gates over the next couple of weeks.

Christmas Performances

All of our classes are currently working hard to produce their own class performances that will be shared with you via a Youtube link towards the end of term.



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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 still have 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. Please could we also remind you that children will be unable to do PE if they are wearing earrings.

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 twice each already this half term. It is great to see different classes winning as it means there are lots of children reading regularly.

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%

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Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020-21

Date	Event
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