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NEWSLETTER 6 – Friday the 25th of November

Dear Parents,

What an incredibly busy couple of weeks and we aren't even in December yet!

You are no doubt aware of the work going on at the school. We are very lucky to have obtained a cancellation date, allowing us to begin the installation of the new astro-turf at the school with short notice. The children were very curious about the work and even commented to the workmen about what a good job they were doing. I have also applied for another grant of £10,000 for an outdoor shelter as our Pagoda had seen better days. More of that news to follow shortly, fingers crossed!



Well done to the School's Cross Country Team who competed at the Regional finals this week. The team did incredibly well in very muddy and wet conditions, competing against the best the region had to offer. A special mention must go out to Daisy in Year 4 who was crowned High Peak Regional Champion, winning her race against 45 other competitors.



The Year 5/6 Football Team narrowly missed out on retaining their title of County Champions, eventually losing in the Final of the County Championships held in Mansfield. It is great that they maintain a great standard over the years, being champions and runners-up over consecutive years with there being 428 primary schools in Derbyshire.

With regards to Horse Chestnut Class and Mrs Tamkin's expected imminent arrival, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Tupman will be covering maternity cover in this class assisted by Mrs Povey, Mrs Somerville and supported by Mrs Hussey, who has joined us and is also a qualified teacher.

Thank you for all your donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal totalling £75:50.

Also thank you for all your kind contributions to Children in Need and the PTA Hampers for our 'Spots & Stripes' and 'World Cup' days respectively.

I have also arranged for Christmas Hampers from our local food banks for any of our community that would like one , more news to follow in how to get one in the next couple of weeks.

And as I finally finish this newsletter, **I am very pleased to share our latest Ofsted report** from our recent visit from His Majesty's Inspectors. The report is attached to this email. As the report states - 'Pupils enjoy being at school. They behave well in lessons and in the playground' and the pupils say how 'The teachers are always there for us' and 'they always put us first'. "Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school. Along with pupils, staff and governors, they recognise the dedication of the headteacher, and the improvements leaders have brought about."

Best Wishes

Mr Bertram



Medical updates- I am informed by my colleagues at other schools and within healthcare that there may be cases of **Scarlet Fever** within the local community. If you think your child may have this condition, please do not send them into school until you have seen a GP.

Common symptoms associated with scarlet fever are:

- Red rashes that start on the face or neck and spread onto arms, trunk and legs
- Red lines around knees, groin, armpit and elbows
- Flushed face
- Strawberry tongue (white tongue with red spots)

[Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk).

Could I also ask that any children experience sickness or diarrhoea that they do not return to school until 48 hours after their last 'movement'. We are also implementing weekly deep cleans at the school to act as prevention for these and all other bugs that children may be passing around at this time of year.

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I thought I would remind everyone of the school's core values in developing our children to where they are going to be at the age of 25:

Resilience

Compassion

Trust

Entrepreneurial spirit

Environmentally aware

Keeping Safe

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Respect

Thankfulness

Friendship

Autumn Term Dates:

November:

14th *Theme- Resilience*

18th Children in Need- Spots and Stripes Day (Own donations)

21st Non-Uniform Day- World Cup Theme

21st *Theme- Friendship*

28th *Theme- Respect*

December:

1st Flu Vaccinations

2nd Christmas Tree Lighting

5th *Theme- Entrepreneurial Spirit*

5th Year 6 choir at Lyme Park

7th EYFS Nativity 9:30am (All welcome to attend)

7th Year 1/2 Nativity 1:30pm (All welcome to attend)

9th Christmas Crafts Day

12th *Theme- Compassion*

13th Key Stage 2 Carol Service- 6pm

14th Little Conkers Walk to Whaley Bridge

15th Pantomime- Sleeping Beauty- Whole School Trip

19th *Theme- Keeping Safe*

SAFEGUARDING is very important to us as a school. The Designated Lead at the School is Mr Bertram if you have any concerns about a child in our area please don't hesitate to contact him for advice. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

I have also located a useful one stop shop of mental health support sights if anyone should require the need. [Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

As you are no doubt probably aware there has already been a spike in the number of illness in some of our local schools. I will you up to date with the latest government advice from Public Health England with regards to Coronavirus. I have listed below the current expectations from government with regards to protocols on prevention and school attendance should your child come down with symptoms, there are also useful links should you require more information, you can see these below:

