



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2020 Issue 9

Thursday 26th November 2020

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th November - INSET Day - school closed

Wednesday 2nd December – Holy Communion Meeting – details circulated via the Parish

Friday 4th December MUFTI - The Night Before Christmas – Dressing Gowns and Pyjamas to school

Friday 11th December MUFTI - Christmas Jumper

Friday 11th December – In school Christmas Fair Activities for children

Monday 14th – Friday 18th December – Gratitude Week

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Movie Afternoon

Friday 18th December MUFTI - It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – Christmas Fancy Dress

Friday 18th December – Last day of term

Monday 22nd December – Friday 1st

January Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January – Start of Spring Term

Friday 15th January – Deadline for Primary School Admissions

Tuesday 9th February – Parents' Evening

Tuesday 9th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 10th February – Holy Communion Meeting – details circulated via the Parish

Thursday 11th February – Parents' Evening

Monday 15th – 19th February – Half Term

Well Done Year 2!

Year 2 have had a busy few weeks taking part in their scooter training and doing their delayed phonics screening tests.

The children and teachers have worked extremely hard and all of our pupils have been very sensible – despite their crazy hair today. We are very proud of them and the maturity they have shown. Well done Year 2!

Dear Parents,

I am very grateful for your continued support and vigilance. Whilst we never like to have children at home isolating, it is a testament to our community that parents are making sure that this happens whenever a member of their household has symptoms.

As you may know, a number of local schools have had to isolate several bubbles. I, like all of you, am keen to keep all the children in school until Christmas and ensure our whole community can enjoy happy and healthy holidays with our families.

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the COVID 19 symptom study app that was mentioned in last week's newsletter. Hopefully, this will help us keep our community safe and well and also contribute to the wider efforts to combat the virus. If you haven't had a chance to yet, you can download the App from Google or Apple and you will need our school's Unique School Network Code which is A1ZUYRD.

Food Bank Donations

Our pupils and families never cease to amaze me with their generosity and I am so grateful to all those who have already brought in food bank donations this week.

You will be able to drop off items at school until the last week of term and these will be used to make hampers for families within our local community and to support our local foodbanks. The foodbanks particularly need:

- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FRUIT/PUDDINGS 400g
- TINNED MEAT
- COFFEE
- TOILET ROLLS
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED POTATOES/INSTANT MASH



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Hammersmith Bridge

Whilst we are lucky that almost all of our families live within walking distance, I am sure that many of you are being directly affected by the closure of Hammersmith Bridge. It is certainly something which has impacted many of our past pupils who now have an incredibly arduous journey to and from school.

One of our governors, Francis Keeling, has shared a campaign aimed at highlighting the impact the closure and the lack of action is having on our community, and particularly our children.

I have attached the information to this email and I hope you will encourage the children to participate and forward this information to your friends and family.

Advent

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent and the start of the new liturgical year. It is always wonderful to attend mass and see the first calendar lit on the Advent wreath.

This year will be a little different for all of us but we will have an Advent wreath at school and we will be sharing the message of light and joy as we prepare for Christmas.

Whilst for many this is a happy time of year, I am aware it can also be a time of sadness and worry for children and their families. If you need any support, please do let us know and we will be happy to help in the strictest of confidence.

I hope that you will all have a chance to have little time for quiet and reflection at this special time of year and allow a little light and joy in through all the darkness and challenges we face.

Calendar of Kindness

The PTA are keen for the children to think about what they can do to be kind this year. Instead of making a candle or a stocking for the school fair, your child can make an

Advent calendar full of kind acts that they can do throughout the Advent season.

Send your calendar in for judging by Monday 30th December and they will be judged and returned in time to open the next day.

If you would like some inspiration, the Red Cross have an example on their website involving the Snowman and Snow Dog <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/the-snowman-and-snowdog-kindness-calendar>

Headteacher's Awards for Exceptional Work

All the children in our school are stars but those listed below shone a little brighter over the last week:

Year 1 – Turtles – Celina Gorny, Dominik Blasko, Lucie Adamson, Mason Armitage

Year 3 – Seals – Eva Hughes, Marianna Goncalves, Riley Farrell

Well done to the children listed below who were Diving Deep this week:

Seahorses – Ollie Brooker

Turtles – Hailie Doci

Starfish – Max Coleman

Angel Fish – Evie Couch

Seals – Luca Braga and Mariana Goncalves

Dolphins – Eliana Legesse

Manta Rays – Aitana De La Camara

Blue Whales – Karin Derfinakova

Orcas – Stephanie Akpabio-Klementowska

Certificates will be given out in Monday's Assembly

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Mrs Hughes, Headteacher