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26th November, 2021.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of another hard working week and time to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our latest stars. They are:

Reception: Mona A and Ollie M
Year 1: Freya K and Harry T
Year 2: Leah C and Rosalea W-H
Year 3: James D and Alex R
Year 4: Daisy B and Maya Y
Year 5: Ryan C and Tanatswa P
Year 6: Taya M-S and Lola W-H
Sports stars: Blessed C and Millie K-H – both Y5

Well done to all of these children for putting in that extra special effort this week.

COVID

We have had 5 positive cases in children and 1 member of staff this week. We have just received the latest notification from the parents of a year 4 child. So once again, as per Public Health guidance, we ask you to arrange a test for your Y4 child if they have been in class this week.

We wish all the families well and hope that it doesn't affect any more family members. Thank you for helping us to keep the community safe by making sure you get the children tested when we inform you of cases. I hope that one day soon, this won't be a regular feature of letters but unfortunately we know the problem hasn't gone away! We have been maintaining our enhanced cleaning regime in school – made all the easier now that we have three cleaners on site along with our new caretaker.



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CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year, we want to give you the opportunity to allow the children to give out Christmas cards if they wish. To reduce the risk of spreading any dreaded viruses, we are going to give a cut-off point of **Monday 13th December** for sending cards in but would ask that if you could send them in before this date, please do, otherwise we will possibly be inundated! The children will drop their cards into their class box and they will be stored until the last two days of term when they can then receive them and take them home. Please don't feel pressured to send cards – not everyone does even if they celebrate Christmas. However, if you wish to do so, we will send home a class list of first names from this Monday if you tell your children you need this list.

REMINDER OF EVENTS FOR THE REST OF THE TERM

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 2 nd December	Reception Christmas workshop (split sessions)	Mrs Hill has sent details on Evidence Me and in her newsletter
Thursday 9 th December	History Man - Y5 and Y6	Visitor to school for the History topics – WWII and Invaders and Settlers.
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (filming carol concert)	£1 donation requested for St Mary's Hospice
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas dinner Choir: Carol Service at St Martin's Church – 7.30 pm	If you would like your child to have Christmas dinner and pay for their meals, this can be ordered and paid for on the app.
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas Fayre for children during the day	Children go in class by class to avoid overcrowding
Friday 17 th December	Christmas party day	The school will provide the food and drink and ask for a £1 contribution to cover costs
Monday 20 th December – Tuesday 4 th January	Holidays	Children return to school on Wednesday 5 th January 2022



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REINDEER RUN

Miss Williams wrote to you about this upcoming event earlier this week. The children will be bringing home sponsor forms today, so please look out for them in book bags. We are keeping an eye on the weather forecast and will let you know as soon as we do which day the event will take place.

NEW MEMBER OF STAFF

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Lewis to our teaching team next term. She will be taking over teaching our Year 1 class when Miss Coghlan takes over Reception class. Mrs Lewis comes to us with extensive experience as a teacher, with many years spent teaching Year 1.

STAFF ON THE GATES

Miss Williams and I will continue to meet and greet the children in the mornings, but this will be on the playground door and not the gate. This means that we are more easily available for office messages which sometimes come thick and fast at this time of the morning! You are welcome to come onto the playground with your children and remain with them until the doors open at 8.45 am, and we are of course available to you every day for messages, concerns or questions. It is essential that you do not leave your children unaccompanied on the playground before 8.45 am as there is no one there to supervise them. The vast majority of parents and carers are observing this but we have had cases of children, some of them key stage 1, being on their own in the playground at 8.30 am. This is clearly not acceptable or safe, so please make sure you stay with them. If you need childcare, you will need to book a place in breakfast club.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The office have requested that you order this by 6th December on the app so that the kitchen staff have an idea of numbers and can place food orders. Thank you in advance. I have attached the menu to this email and it is also available on the website.

That's all the news for now. Please keep checking the app for further notifications. In the meantime, have a very enjoyable and safe weekend and we'll see you again on Monday.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth