



# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## It's Christmas!

We are looking forward to all of our Christmas activities next week and the school is starting to look very festive!

Here are a few reminders of our plans:

- The deadline for Christmas cards was today to allow a quarantine period before distributing.
- Each class has been making decorations for the Christmas tree in the hall and to decorate our classrooms.
- On 15th December at 4.30pm & 16th December at 6.30pm Year 1 and 2 parents will be able to view our Nativity. This can be viewed using Google Classroom.
- On 17th December we will be having a thoroughly festive afternoon with our Christmas lunch and a Christmas movie afternoon. The children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers and accessories (or anything else equally as festive) on this day instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan. Please ensure that the Christmas lunch is paid for in advance for all Key Stage 2 children. The cost is £2.50 and can be paid online using Scopay.
- Our Year 6 children will be busy wrapping books next week for the book flood so that each child will go home with a book on the last day of term. If you have any books at home for Key Stage 2 children that you would like to donate then please send them into school – we are still a bit short in some classes.

## Spanish Club



Spanish4Kids

You may recall that before lockdown we started to offer a Spanish club, however, due to the current restrictions it has been unable to take place this term. Spanish4Kids will be holding Spanish zoom sessions on a Monday and Tuesday at 4.30pm instead. Please see their website for more details [www.spanish4kids.co.uk](http://www.spanish4kids.co.uk).

## Well Done Jaycee!



We are pleased to be able to share with you that Jaycee in Year 4 has raised an incredible £1,120 for bone cancer by doing over 2000 burpies! This is an incredible achievement and we are so proud of Jaycee as a school. Jaycee will now feature on our WOW board in the school reception which celebrates achievements that any of our children have made. If your child has anything to share then please let the school office know so that we can feature them on our WOW board too.

## The Toy Appeal



Mr and Mrs Brown, the parents of a pupil in Year 1, are currently fundraising for The Toy Appeal and would very much like your support. The Toy Appeal provides underprivileged children with Christmas sacks and every £25 raised gives a child a Christmas sack for Christmas Day. With demand for The Toy Appeal up by 22% this year, coupled with the fact that they are unable to accept second hand toys due to Covid-19, they need support more than ever. Mr and Mrs Brown's JustGiving page can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/neil-brown66>. Many thanks for your support.

## End of Term

Mr Cutter's letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> December confirmed that school will be open as planned on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and therefore all children will be expected to attend as normal. After this time, we are still required to continue with track and trace up until Christmas eve.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus having **developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the parent/carer should contact the school to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. The school can be contacted by email [adminoffice@wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk)

We would also like to remind you that your child must not return to school in January if they are displaying any of the symptoms for Coronavirus or someone in your household has tested positive.

## Congratulations Mrs Way!



We are delighted to be able to announce that Evan David Way was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, weighing 8lb and 11oz. Mrs Way and Evan are doing really well. We cannot wait to meet him!

## A Message from Mr Cutter

As we head towards the end of a term that has been quite unlike any other we have experienced before and the end of my first year here as headteacher (I can't believe it has been a year already!), I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the support you have offered us as a school. Your kind words and cooperation in the changes to our routines have been very much appreciated.

I also want to show my appreciation to our staff team. They have shown enormous resilience and adaptability and have worked exceptionally hard to ensure that life in school for our pupils is as close to 'normal' as possible, when the world outside has been anything but. It has been a joy to be able to walk the school on a daily basis, seeing happy children who are thriving and fully engaged in their learning.

I consider myself exceptionally fortunate to be able to lead such a passionate and committed staff team and to be part of such a close and supportive community. I wish you all a happy Christmas. Stay safe and well over the holidays and we look forward to seeing the children return on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## Key Dates

15/16th December 4.30pm & 6.30pm - Key Stage 1 Nativity (Virtual Viewing)

17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch

18<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

4<sup>th</sup> January - INSET Day

5<sup>th</sup> January - First day back for the children