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This Week...

Welcome to this week's newsletter, the last one for November, which means that we can just about say the word which is not allowed until December - Christmas!

This year, Christmas is going to be very different at home and school, but - like yourselves - we are trying to continue with many of our traditions as best as possible. We are therefore planning to have:

- Christmas dinner (in our own bubble classrooms)
- Christmas jumper day to raise money for Save The Children.
- A virtual Christingle with Ely Cathedral.
- Christmas class parties
- Christmas cards (although there will not be the usual school post box, collections of cards will be in classroom). We request that cards are only sent to children in their own classes and not to other children across the school and that envelopes are not licked to seal them.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Munday

Remote Learning Survey.

You will have received a parent mail with a link to a survey for information about your household being able to access remote/home learning should the situation arise. Please can you complete this survey as soon as possible to assist us and you. The link to the survey is: https://survey.app.do/remote-learning-provision-planning-questionnaire

COVID19 Updates

You will be aware through a letter sent via parent mail, that we have had a positive case within the school. Although my aim was for us to be a school that escaped through this, this would have been highly unlikely. I would like to say a very big thankyou to the staff and parents for their very quick response and support in this situation.

This has further highlighted the importance of all the safety measures and Government guidelines that we must all adhere to. One of the biggest things I would ask is that when waiting to enter the school grounds that you adhere to social distancing, as this is a very high point for cross transmission. I have noticed an increased amount of pupils mixing across age groups and some parents not keeping to 2 metre social distancing.

You will now be aware that from 2nd December 2020, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and particularly for us, Fenland, will be in Tier 2 (high risk). There are therefore restrictions which we will all need to adhere to from this point on. Please click on the link which explains what Tier 2 means for us: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/938047/COVID-19_Tier_Posters_2020_Flnal_High.pdf

This Week

Orange Class-The Vicious Vikings

Continuing with our history learning of the Vikings, Orange Class ventured onto the field to learn how to create fire, inspired by authentic Viking cooking techniques. The children had a wonderful time and were able to forage for materials to fuel our fire, applying scientific skills and previous learning. Well done Orange Class!

Mrs Riley





Coming Up.....

Christingle Service

This year, we will be joining a virtual Christingle Service held at Ely Cathederal on 14th December at 1.30pm. There will be some learning taking place in school around this service and each school participating has been asked to design and submit a piece of art which will be sent to the organisers. This will then displayed during the service so that each school is represented in the Cathedral, each class bubble has already been tasked with getting creative for our Beaupre entry.

We would usually have Christingle Candles to send home for the children to fill with change in aid of The Children's Society. As this can not happen this year, as a school, we will be collecting donations for this cause within classrooms from 11th December.

You may be interested to look at the Catherdral's FaceBook page <u>Ely Cathedral Learning Fun For Families Group | Facebook</u> where there is further information about family events at the Cathedral in the coming weeks and months. Here you will also find details of the #Floodthenightwithlight event which will take place on 20th December at 6.30pm, where you light your Christingle and place it in a window that looks out onto the street.



Lunchtime Co. Christmas Lunch

Please look out for a Parentmail next week, which will include a doodlepoll for you to order a Christmas Lunch for your child on 18th December.





BFG Tea towels

The tea towels are now available to order. They are £4 each and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

To order and pay for your tea towels, please use ParentPay. If you have any problems with ParentPay or need a barcode to make payment, please contact the school office. Orders need to be placed before the 11th December to ensure that tea towels can be delivered by the end of the school term.

We will distribute orders as soon as we receive them from the printers.

Lucky Numbers

We will be running a lucky number board competition from the 1st week of December. Each year bubble will have their own lucky number board which is £1 a go and each child gets to pick one number on the board. If the board has any empty number squares on 11th December, children will get a chance to buy extra numbers, this will be on a first come, first served basis.

We have one prize for each year bubble and the winner will be announced in the last week of term.

All the profits made from Lucky Number boards will go towards buying party food for each class bubble.

We thank for your on going support.

A. Nicholas

Chair



Thank you and Good Luck Miss Carpenter!

Today we said goodbye to Miss Carpenter. We would like to say a very big thank you to her for teaching in Blue Class whilst Miss Monck was on maternity leave. She was presented with flowers in our virtual assembly this morning. She will be greatly missed and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well for the future.



Awards and Celebrations....



Attendance

Our attendance figures for the week ending Friday 20th November are as follows:

GoldRainbow Class99.3%SilverPurple Class98.7%BronzeGreen Class98.5%

The winner of the 100% attendance prize for week ending Friday 20th November is Max in Yellow Class.



Caught Reading

And this month's winner is Sapphire in Yellow Class.

Congratulations!



Dates for your diary - New events shown in bold

1st December BFG Lucky Numbers for sale in Class £1

4th December Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery before Christmas break

11th December Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

14th December Christingle Service—Streaming Live 1.30PM

16th December Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school

18th December Lunchtime Co. Christmas Lunch

Break for Christmas holiday

5th January Return to school

12th February Break for February half term

22nd February Return to school

12th March Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery before Easter break

24th March Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school

26th March Break for Easter holiday

13th April Return to school

3rd May Bank Holiday - May Day

28th May Break for half term

8th June Return to school

25th June Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery before end of school year

19th July Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school

22nd July Last day of term, break for summer holiday.

24th August Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery in September

7th September Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school