

Newsletter



Newsletter 6

November 20th 2020

Assembly Themes: Next week: Problems and solutions Week after: Advent

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is continuing to go very well, with the children (and staff) continuing to do their best, each and every day. We are well underway with our new Christmas plans – the first run through of the Staff Panto went surprisingly smoothly - and we have already started on some of the crafts and activities we will be introducing this year. I will share pictures with you when these are completed!



School Curtain Rag Dolls

Mrs Barker has come up with the brilliant idea of re-cycling the hall curtains into rag dolls – either in made up form or as a little sewing kit! They are gorgeous! She is selling these in aid of the school PTFA, at a suggested donation £5 for the finished item and £3 for a kit. Orders can be collected from the school office.



Charities

A number of parents have kindly asked if we are supporting different charities this term. As we are aware of challenging times facing people in the lead up to Christmas, we have decided not to ask for donations for anything at this point. This enables people to make their own choices regarding charity donations according to their individual circumstances.



Christmas Breakfast

As part of our alternative Christmas celebrations, we will be having a Christmas Jumper and Christmas Breakfast Day. We will be providing a bacon roll or a pastry – e.g. pain au chocolat. We will ask the children in advance what they would like, and cater accordingly. We will make sure that where children have allergies, this is accounted for, and will note which children are vegetarian. If you would prefer your child *not* to have a breakfast, that is fine – please let us know as soon as possible, via email or telephone, so that we can ensure the relevant teachers are informed.



COVID Update Extra teaching sessions

Thank you for your continued support. This week, I have been sending a number of letters out regarding extra sessions we are running for groups of children before school. The children's home learning was amazing during the school closures and the work you put in, as parents, to rise to the challenge was incredible. However, it was just not possible to cover the curriculum at the same pace, and to the same depth remotely, so we are providing a wide variety of extra teaching throughout the coming year to accelerate the children's progress. If you haven't received a letter yet, but know that your child would benefit, please don't be concerned – the programmes will be running across the year. If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Christmas Events

Just a reminder:

- **Thursday 26th November**, there will be a pyjama day, as requested by School Council. Children can come in PJs or comfortable clothes.
- **Friday 27th November** – Occasional day – school closed to staff and children.

The last two weeks of term:

Monday 7 th Dec	Tuesday 8 th Dec	Wednesday 9 th Dec	Thursday 10 th Dec	Friday 11 th Dec
Online Christmas Service	Staff Pantomime for Children	*Year 6 Carol singing in locations in Codicote if restrictions permit.	*Year 6 Carol singing in locations in Codicote if restrictions permit.	Christmas Breakfast & Jumper day
Monday 14 th Dec	Tuesday 15 th Dec	Wednesday 16 th Dec	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th Dec
Parties for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Christmas lunch	Parties for Year 3 and 4	Parties for Years 5 & 6	Nursery Party Term finishes 1.15



Community News



Codicote Calendar

In the summer, the Village Day committee launched a photo competition to make a calendar for 2021. Congratulations to three of our children – Henry and Oliver M in Year 6 and Ava in Year 2 - who have had their photographs selected for publication!

If you would like to order a calendar, please send £5 in an envelope, marked Calendar order with your contact details – i.e. child's name and class. We will pass these onto the organiser, who will bring in the calendars for us to distribute.



Police alert

We were visited by the police last week to ask us to make parents aware that e-scooters can be bought, but not ridden on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. They are very easily available, but they are currently illegal to ride on the road or pavement, so can only be used on private land. They are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles, so are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same requirements. If stopped by the Police, penalties may apply. There are some areas of the country where they are being trialled (Codicote isn't one!), but people still need to be 16 or over to ride one.

We hope you enjoy the occasional day with your children next Friday – although we appreciate it will be rather different from usual. Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard

HEADTEACHER