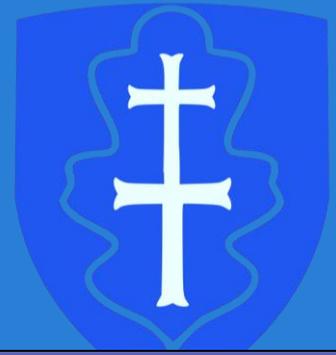


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Newsletter 11

## Head Teacher's News

This has been a strange week, as I spent Tuesday to Friday taking COVID tests (my 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> since September!!) and awaiting the results after developing symptoms on Monday. This was a fresh reminder for me of how important it is that we all follow the guidance around this disease and remain vigilant.

Thank you to those who have made a contribution to our One Can Trust Collection Point; we will be taking our first delivery to Duke Street next week.

Today, the children will be bringing home a 'Parents' Evening Report' on their learning so far this term. Unfortunately, we will not be able to send books home as this would mean we would not be able to use them in class next week (with the exception of Badgers' Learning Journeys, as we are able to safely quarantine these without them needing to be used). As soon as restrictions are lifted in this area, we will look to find a way for parents in other year groups to see the fabulous learning their children have been engaging in.

We have a final total for our Children in Need collection last week: £163.64! Well done to everyone for raising such a great total.

This week, we had a (virtual) visit from our Diocesan advisor, Jackie Cousins. Her role is to look at our school's Christian distinctiveness as a Church of England school. After investigating several key strands of the SIAMS schedule, speaking to a group of children, scrutinising some examples of learning in RE and 'observing' one of our remote Collective Worship, she was very pleased with what she saw. She was particularly impressed with the leadership and community endeavours that children in the school have been taking on. Also, she saw some excellent RE learning in the books she looked at. As always, she also gave us some ideas for how we could make things even better, which we will look to develop over the remainder of this academic year. Overall, it was very satisfying to hear how well things are going and I was very proud of the children and staff for doing such a fabulous job (especially in the middle of a pandemic and a national lockdown).

Please remember that I am recording Collective Worship for the children to view. These are important for delivering messages about key issues such as wellbeing (I have worked out how to upload them without you having to download a large file). They are now introduced by the children and they will be delivering drama, readings and prayers from now on. They can be found [here](#).

*Sam Browne*

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## Meet the Governors

Today, our Head Journalists interviewed one of our governors. Here is their report on the meeting:

**Q – What’s your name and what is your link to the school?**

A – My name is Fiona Barker and I am a governor at this school.

**Q – Why did you decide to become a governor?**

A – I worked at a school before and I wanted to help a new school by becoming a governor.

**Q – Do you have any special roles?**

A – I am the Safeguarding lead and make sure that the school is keeping you safe. I am also in charge of governor development which means that I organise training for all of the governors.

**Q – How do you help the school?**

A – I help the school by having regular meetings (every half term) to check that the school is safe and I also help to identify training to make us better governors.

**Q – What is it that you enjoy about being a governor?**

A – I like helping people and really enjoy talking to and working with the pupils.

**Q – What do we (the children) do that makes governors proud?**

A – We love all your contributions to the school. Recently, we have been very impressed with all of the brilliant charity work you have been doing. We also are very proud when we see the Stars of the Week.

**Q – What is your favourite thing about Radnage CE Primary School?**

A – I love that pupils enjoy themselves so much and they always seem so happy to be at school.

**Q – Is there anything you want to ask us?**

A – What do you like about the school? **We like that, because it is small, we make really strong friends with other children rather than just having a big group we are sort of friends with.**

A – Do you feel safe at school? **Yes, really safe.**

Thank you to Fiona for agreeing to be speak to us and watch out for our next interview!

Isla and Eirin  
Head Journalists

## Star of the Week

With no celebration assembly on a Friday, we’re having to do Star of the Week in a slightly different way, but make sure you visit our Facebook page to see the celebration.

**Teddy** for an amazing piece of ‘wow’ writing, describing fireworks and being helpful to his friends

**Arwen** for writing an incredible story about a dragon

**Markel** for making a great effort all round and practising everything at home as well as school

**Jamie** for astonishing sportsmanship and participation in PE

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## PTA

We had a great meeting of the PTA this week at which we discussed some of the events that we are scheduling for the new year, including a quiz, the Summer Fete and Rugged Radnage. It would be great to see more parents at our next meeting, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at the easier time of 7:30pm.

One way in which we can raise funds for the school is through Amazon Smile. Most of us use Amazon rather a lot, and by following this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and then searching for Radnage, you can raise funds for us simply through your normal shopping habits. Make sure you select Radnage CE Primary School Parent Teacher Association and, if possible, install the Amazon Assistant extension to your Chrome browser.

### Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
<b>November 2020</b>			
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	now>press>play trial week	School	All classes
<b>December 2020</b>			
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Crafternoon	In School	All children
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for returning raffle tickets	School Office	Everyone
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for hamper items	School Office	Everyone
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Greek Day	Classroom	Year 5/6
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw	School	Everyone
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> – 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Everyone

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