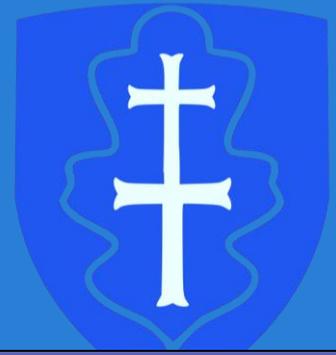


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## Head Teacher's News

We're back! I have just reread the December newsletter, and noticed this line: "We start back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January as the Monday is an INSET for staff training. If there are any changes to these plans over the holidays, I will obviously let you know, but I am not anticipating any (famous last words)." Suffice to say, I won't be doing the lottery this weekend!

It is hard to express how wonderful it has been to hear the school buzzing with the noise of children this week. January and February were very challenging months for all of our community, but the perseverance and dedication shown helped to get us all through. Thank you to everyone for their sterling work during the period of school closures; I was very proud of the efforts of all of our children and adults.

Walking around the classrooms, it has been very impressive to see how quickly the children have settled back into the school routine. The teachers have revisited and refreshed expectations of behaviour, kindness and community with the children in order to help them be fully prepared for the challenges that mixing with others can present after a long period of isolation. In addition, 'non-negotiables' for English and Maths, as well as presentation, have been created in order to set our expectations of children's learning high straight away. These 'non-negotiables' were generated in partnership with the children as part of our work to drive them to take responsibility for their own learning journeys.

I am delighted to share some very exciting news with you regarding our school library. With a bit of careful budgeting, we have been able to generate funds in order to convert our rather large cupboard in the school hall into a brand new library! Not only will this give us a 'proper' library, where children can browse books and sit and read, it will also provide an extra teaching space for interventions and the like with an interactive whiteboard/screen. As you will know, reading is a real passion of mine, so I am very excited about this development.

In the PTA section below, I mention how you can sign up for Amazon Smile to help the school make money whenever you buy from Amazon. Today, I received a notification informing me that, in the past quarter, we have raised £52.35 simply through normal purchasing! Amazing, and thank you!

I hope you all have a restful weekend. It has been a tiring week, but we all look forward to seeing you raring to go on Monday!

*Sam Browne*

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Mark 4: 31-32

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## PTA

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>March 2021</b>			
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 3/4 , 5/6	Zoom	Parents
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Reception, 3/4 , 5/6	Zoom	Parents
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening 1/2, 3/4	Zoom	Parents
<b>April 2021</b>			
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Break up for Easter 1:30pm	Whole School	Everyone
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	Whole School	Everyone
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children Return to School	Whole School	Everyone
<b>May 2021</b>			
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday	Whole School	Everyone
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting	Zoom	Governors
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Half Term 3:30pm	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	Whole School	Everyone
<b>June 2021</b>			
<b>July 2021</b>			
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	Break up for Summer 1:30pm	Whole School	Everyone

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