



## Newsletter Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020



House Point Totals  
Week Commencing: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

	371		350
	390		392

### Message from Mrs Grainger

As the Government have now placed Lichfield into Tier 3, the 'very high alert' category we thought it would be useful to issue a few gentle reminders.

- Please stick to your pick up and drop off time.
- Only ONE adult per family must drop off and collect. This is so that we reduce the number of people on the school site.
- When entering the school gates please ensure that you social distance between your family bubble and the next family bubble.
- It is important that your children are supervised and remain with you at all times.
- When dropping or collecting your children we ask that parents leave promptly to reduce congestion.
- If you or a member of your household have Covid symptoms, you must all isolate whilst they get tested and let us know at the earliest possible point of the result (even during the weekend), so we can minimise the impact on anyone else in school.
- In addition we all need to remember to wash our hands regularly.

You are all doing a tremendous job. Please keep going – it really is thanks to your vigilance and our enhanced protective measures in school, that we've managed to have twelve full weeks back with no disruption. Well done!



As our Christmas festivities begin we would like to say a great big thank you to Mrs Lamb for hosting a zoom Carol Singing session on Monday – it raised over £80 for school and was such an enjoyable event – thank you for your time.



### Covid Risk Assessment

Due to the current national situation, school will continue to run in the same way after Christmas, in terms of staggered starts and bubbles. Our whole school Covid Risk Assessment is updated regularly, and can be found on our school website.

# curriculum

## What has your child been learning about in class this week?

### Years 1 & 2

Years 1 & 2 have had another busy week. Year 2 have been completing some end of term written assessments and we are very pleased with the progress that these have shown us. In our theme work we have been learning about another significant person in history; Mary Seacole. We have also been using magnets in Science to rescue model figures wearing different materials. This was great fun!

We have set 'Maths with Parents' homework for the children to complete. Thank you for the fabulous photographs of your children doing the maths activities you have uploaded. The next two weeks will be very busy taking part in many Christmas activities.

### Years 3 & 4

Well Christmas is rapidly approaching and we are all getting excited in Years 3 & 4.

There are quite a few things which the children are doing or looking forward to doing including our Christmas raffle, the Christmas movie night, the Christmas jumper day, non-uniform day, a virtual Christmas play, a virtual Christmas panto, a holly hunt around school, decorating a Christmas bauble, Christmas cards, Christmas dinner day and one or two more! Classrooms are looking festive now and despite everything the mood is definitely upbeat and seasonal. We are coming to the end of our theme on tremors and it is pleasing to see how much the children now know about volcanoes and earthquakes. We place a lot of emphasis on the 'key vocabulary' when we teach in school and as the theme progresses we display important words and keep re-capping on their meaning. It has been fun this week looking at different rocks with a magnifying glass and noting their shape, colour, patterns and other features e.g. air bubbles, lines, layers.

### Years 5 & 6

This week we have continued with our Ancient Civilisations theme work. We have studied the population density of different empires and also discussed why the citizens chose to live in those specific areas. Years 5 & 6 have also been conducting an investigation to find out what happens to milk when it is stored at room temperature. We will let you know what we find out. We are still gripped by our reading text and the story of Tutankhamun. We can't wait to find out what happens next! In maths, we have been completing quizzes on arithmetic and reasoning. The children have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of them all. Have a lovely weekend.

## Helping Each Other Charity



The charity **Helping Each Other** is asking for donations. They provide food hampers for families and at this time of year they provide Christmas toys for families in need. They would gratefully receive donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries,

household items or monetary donations. On **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 10am and 3pm** they will be at the **Horse and Jockey Christmas Fair** in Lichfield (by the rugby club). They would welcome any donations delivered to the stall over the weekend.

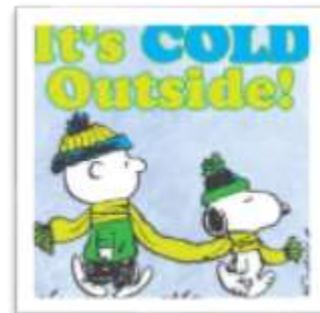


## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal by purchasing merchandise through school. This year we raised £303.62 – a fantastic amount – thank you.

## Wrapping up warm!

In line with government guidelines, we must have windows open to maintain airflow throughout the day. This means that, despite the heating, it can be colder in class. We do not want your child to be cold so please ensure that they have a t-shirt or vest under their shirt, and a jumper with them every day. They must have a coat, even if the day seems mild as this can change by playtime and lunchtime. If your child tells you that they are cold, they are able to wear layers. We will not be asking children to wear coats in school as they need another layer to wear outside and often coats are wet from their journey to school and from playtime and lunchtime. Thank you for your continued support.



## End of Term

Please don't forget that school closes on Friday 18th December 2020 for the Christmas Holidays.