

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent and Carer,

**COVID update:** As you are aware we are now out of lockdown and in Tier 1. We will be keeping all of our operating procedures in place for the time being, ie face coverings, one way system, early drop off and collection as well as operating in bubbles. We are well aware that this pandemic is far from over and we continue to do everything in our power to keep our school open and safe for everyone. Thank you for your continued support.

In other news: We have entered into December!!! For those of you who have ever worked in a primary school in the month of December you will appreciate what a magical and exciting time of the year it is. The air is filled with high levels of energy (and glitter). As exhausting as it is to keep some form of normality we really do love it and realise how lucky we are to work here.

Of course, this year will be different for us all and it will be different for many of our families and people in our community. I will be speaking to the school on Monday, in our weekly assembly. I will be reminding the children about the 'real' message behind Christmas. Without putting a downer on festivities, in what has been an incredibly sad and challenging year so far, we will be exploring what we can do, or what we would like to see happen in the community and the world - To try and get the children to think about the 'giving' part of Christmas.

As a parent, I know too well the pressure that children can put on themselves, each other and of course parents to get them the latest toy or device. I am also aware of the disparity of equality, and how some families can afford more expensive gifts than others. It is an incredibly complex and sensitive subject to talk about, but it

is more prevalent than ever this year. I just urge and hope that all parents try not to feel pressured or guilty at this time of the year. If you are facing financial hardships, or any type of hardship this year, there are lots of support groups in our community. Please come and speak to us and we will gladly signpost them to you.

Kind regards  
Kieran Walsh

## IMPORTANT - NEW ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM - PARENTPAY

We will shortly be accepting payments for items such as dinner money, school trips etc via ParentPay. This means that School Gateway will no longer be used. Please could you all download the ParentPay app ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com))

If you already have a ParentPay account, you can simply 'Add a Child'. Please read the attached information about ParentPay. Activation letters will be sent out to all parents shortly - this will display your username and password.

Please note that you will need to use this system for ordering dinners when we return on 4<sup>th</sup> January. The system will be live over the Christmas period.

## Lannergrams

Well done to everyone who received a Lannergram this week:

Y1: Olivia D, Makayla G, Olivia W

Y2: Layla I, Darcy J, Barnaby W

Y3: Amelia G, Siena J, Wren M

Y4: Sylvie J, Madison M, Georgina P

Y5: Logan A, Bethany B, Willow N

Y6: Piran A, Liam B, Finn L

## Attendance Cup

The attendance cup was awarded to Year 2 & 3 this week for their attendance.

The Attendance this week -

Group	% Attend
Year 1	97.3
Year 2	100.0
Year 3	100.0
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	98.3
Year 6	97.8
Totals	98.3

### Accelerated Reading Challenge

This week's winners of our reading challenge are Year 5. Congratulations to all those in Year 5 - you get an extra fun play next week!

### Food Bank Collection

This year we have decided as a whole school to do a collection of items for the Foodbank. If you would like to send in any tinned, jarred or packet foods these can be brought into school from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. They will be placed into a box on arrival in each classroom and 'quarantined' before being taken to the foodbank.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A big happy birthday from all the staff, to the following pupils who have a birthday this week!!

YR -

Y1 -

Y2 -

Y3 -

Y4 - Isabella A

Y5 -

Y6 - Dominic G, Megan L, Sennen C

### Mini Trampoline

We are looking for a Mini Trampoline and was wondering if anyone had one hiding away that they no longer needed. If you do have one, and would like to donate it to the school, we would be very grateful.



Many thanks, Mrs Dinham  
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