

Dear Parents,

Goodness, we can't believe that we are nearly at the end of the Autumn Term! It has been a busy and challenging few months but it has been so wonderful to have all our children safely back in school and see all of our parents on a regular basis. Thingwall children have been amazing (we wouldn't expect anything less!) and they have adapted really well to all the COVID-19 restrictions – what a resilient bunch they are! Fingers crossed that, now a vaccine is on the horizon, we will be able to edge back to some sort of normality in the New Year. Many thanks to all our staff (teachers, TAs, Middays, Admin, Cleaning and Catering staff) who have all worked so hard to ensure that your children are kept as safe as possible and that their daily experience of school has not suffered too much. Many thanks also goes to all our parents for your continued support during these challenging times, especially our loyal and hard-working POTS, headed up by Mrs Sutcliffe. We really do appreciate all of your commitment to our school and your sensible approach to the pandemic.



### **Christmas Eve Christingle Service:**

Please see the message below from John Putman...

St. Michael's Church in Pensby are holding a community Christingle service on Christmas Eve, which will be broadcast live on YouTube to enable the whole community to join in. There will be Make-your-own-Christingle-packs made available for collection from St. Michael's. For more details please visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/296083881783242/>

## **Christingle**



### **Parking Outside School:**

We have had several reports of near misses with parents parking cars outside school. Please remember that the pathways need to be kept clear of mounted cars, cars cannot be left on the zig zags/double yellow lines and drive ways should not be parked across as this prevents our neighbours from accessing/leaving their homes. We hope that our car park gate will be fixed in the New Year and parents will not be allowed access to the staff car park unless by prior

arrangement or if they hold a current blue disabled parking badge. Many thanks for your help in keeping our children and their families as safe as possible.



### **Thank you Mrs Farrell:**

Some of you may have noticed the sanitiser dispensers that we have outside every classroom and in the Entrance Hall. These were provided, free of charge from Mrs Farrell's company, PJD Supplies. Many thanks for your generosity Mrs Farrell and for your help in keeping the Thingwall pupils and staff as safe as we possibly can.



### **Asda Community Grant:**

Many thanks to Mrs Barnish, who has had success with her bid for an Asda Community Grant for our school. She has managed to secure a massive £941, which will help us greatly with purchasing of PPE and sanitising equipment. Thank you for helping to keep the Thingwall community as safe as we possibly can Mrs Barnish and thank you also to Asda for their generosity.



### **Anonymous Benefactor:**

We had a surprising email last week from a parent who wishes to remain anonymous. They had read the November edition of the newsletter and contacted us as they had noted that the children had wished for more resources for school – football goals, obstacle course items, balls, colouring pencils, pens, paints and other resources to enhance the provision at break times for Physical Education and for the creative lessons such as art and DT. We have therefore had a massive £1000 transferred into our POTS account and we can't wait to get the School Council together to choose some resources. Many thanks to our mysterious anonymous benefactor.



**COVID-19 Update:**

Just a reminder to email us *immediately* if your child or anyone in your family receives a positive COVID-19 test from now until our return to school please. This will enable us to leap into action to inform the relevant bubbles as speedily as we can and enable us to take advice from Public Health. We will be checking the school email system twice a day, at 9.30am and 3.30pm throughout the Christmas holidays. Please ensure you type URGENT COVID into the subject bar of the email so we do not miss any communications. The school office email is [schooloffice@thingwall.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@thingwall.wirral.sch.uk) Many thanks for your cooperation and hopefully you will not have reason to hear from us. If we do need to contact parents to close bubble we will email you and then send you a text message to ask you to check your inbox.



**Charity Bags:**

Many thanks to those of you who have donated items for Age Concern UK or for Claire House. Your generosity at such an expensive time of year is greatly appreciated and will be very welcome to our two charities. Thank you Mrs Barnish, you have done a great job organising the donations!



**Claire House Christmas Hat Appeal:**

Many thanks to all of you who supported our Christmas Hat Appeal for Claire House. We raised £92.00 in total which will pay for just over 4.5 hours of nursing care for poorly children at the hospice. Well done everyone and a special well done to our face of Claire House, Charlotte in Year Five!



## Spring Term 2021:

Just a reminder that the first day back is a Staff Development Day so the children's first day back is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

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## Celebration Corner

### (or HUGGS – HUGE UNBELIEVABLY GREAT GOALS):

This section of the newsletter is for anyone who has celebrated a huge achievement outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this section of the newsletter, please jot the details down on a Post-It note or email into the school office.

Oliver (Year Three) – Congratulations to Oliver who was awarded first place in The Citizen's Advice 'The Pet Factor' competition recently. Well done Oliver, we are very proud of you! ☺



With very best wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Have a super break and we will all see you in 2021!

Mrs D L Evans