

Newsletter 12 (2020-21)

December 4th, 2020

Dear Parents,

The PTA Advent Raffle is proving to be an enormous hit! The current running total for Adults' Raffle is £1075 and for the children: £1900. All the prizes are amazing but they might not be in ascending order of gorgeousness! The best prizes will be coming by the end of term but we have already awarded a John Lewis hamper (worth £100) and some delicious wine and children's toys and books.

For rules of the raffle, please look at the PTA News section below.

Christmas Lunch Update and Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas lunch will be served next Thursday 10th December. All the children have now made their preference for which meal they would like and these certainly look delicious. Don't forget to look out your Christmas Jumper to wear on Thursday – donation £2.

PTA NEWS

Hurray, we are holding a live PTA fund raising event between now and the end of term! This is called **The Daily PTA Advent Raffle** and the prizes will be made up from the many wonderful donations you have given this week. This message is designed to show you how to take part and what the rules are.

1. Tickets are now on sale via ParentMail. They are priced at 5 for £5
2. The prizes are really, really exciting. There will be an Adult's hamper and a Children's hamper **every** day and the draw will take place 11:00 a.m. in a Zoomed assembly which the children will watch. This assembly will also include the daily opening of the Jacqui Lawson Animated Advent Calendar which the children love!
3. You can buy as many tickets as you wish. All tickets purchased will roll over to the next day with only the two winning tickets being taken out. So tickets bought for the first draw will stay in the Ticket Box until the last day of term.
4. You stand a chance of winning with every ticket you buy. If you win a daily prize, your other tickets will remain in the Ticket Box. The more tickets you buy the more chance you have of winning.
5. The strips of tickets will be sent to you as soon after you have purchased them as possible. The numbers will all be random as we would not be allowed to offer a choice.
6. You can buy tickets at any time from now until December 17th (the last day of term). Each day, there will be a cut off time of 9:00 a.m. and tickets bought by that time will be included in that day's draw.
7. Tickets bought after 9:00 a.m. will be added to the next day's draw.
8. Example photographs of the hampers will be sent to you on Monday - for illustration purposes only. Each one will be different but equally exciting!

The T-Towel are arriving on Monday and we hope to have these sorted and delivered to you on Monday afternoon. If not, it will certainly be Tuesday. The total profit stands at £2755.84 – Oh. My. Goodness! Thank you to everyone who made this enterprise so profitable.

Father Christmas's Fleeting Visit Yesterday

Father Christmas was delighted with the hard his wonderful helpers (Mr. O'Connell and Miss Wellman – Marlina's parents), and all of the children had their photos taken individually and with their siblings. If you have already purchased the image, we will be sending you the file on Monday. You only need to pay once

as we will not be printing the pictures – you will be able to do this yourself or, perhaps, send it to a company that produces mugs, place mats, key rings, etc. with your own photos.

Each image file is £3 (or donation) and you will have the option of buying both the single children picture or/and the sibling version.

Many parents have not yet taken advantage of ordering for a Father Christmas picture through ParentMail, please have a look to see how you can do this. **In order to comply with the law on data protection, we will be keep the files until next Friday and then delete them permanently.**

School Christmas Card Deliveries

Normally, we would welcome children and adults sending each other Christmas cards and posting them in the school Letter Box. However, with the current restrictions, we would have to empty the box each day and then store the many letters for 72 hours before they could be delivered.

So, this year, we are suggesting that children give one card to their class and once, opened and celebrated, they will all be displayed on the Family Tree in the School Hall. I think this will look lovely!

It's The Nativity – On DVD This Year!

Year Two were absolutely amazing with the restrictions of the Nativity production this year! We were all so impressed! Children in Nursery, Reception, Year One also took part and they all sang beautifully. Miss Cornelius has completed all the filming and is currently editing the play. Once this is completed, the film will be transferred to DVDs to be offered to you for sale. Please watch this space.

Latest News for Year Four

Very difficult news to reveal today – Mr. Oxley has made the very hard decision to return to Australia much sooner than we had all expected. He will be sorely missed. The good news, however, is that we have been able to appoint another teacher, Mr. Goulding who the children have already met this week. Mr. Goulding has made a short video for the parents and I will send this to you asap. I am confident Year Four are in capable hands.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Sen has been a great example of our value of the week this week, Be Ready. He has been eager and ready each day coming into Nursery and worked hard to follow the class expectations. Sen has been a good friend to everyone in Nursery by using kind words and actions. Well done Sen and keep up the wonderful effort!

Reception: Hardy - well done for trying so hard in phonics and for singing so enthusiastically in our Nativity song. We are so proud of you!

Year One: Our Star of the Week is Dimitri! We have been very impressed by how much effort he put into preparing for the Nativity performance. Dimitri worked very hard at home to learn our class song and gave an excellent performance on the day- fantastic work!

Year Two: Emma E, you are our star of the week! You were amazing in our Nativity Play and always tried your best. You have also been amazingly polite so please keep up the great work!

Year Three: Congratulations Paige! This week you have impressed all of your teachers with your helpful attitude, dedication to all lessons and outstanding writing in Literacy. I especially loved your letter to the Tear Thief. Well done, keep up the great work!

Year Four: This week our Star of the Week is Edward. He has been kind and caring towards others and has worked well with his learning partner. Edward has made others smile this week with his great sense of humour. He is always ready to give a compliment or help others. Well done, Edward!

Year Five: Alice May has had a fantastic week. In all lessons, she has been fully engaged, working hard, producing high quality work. During discussion times, Alice May has made some very thoughtful and perceptive comments. Brilliant!

Year Six: Laila, you are the star of the week. You have had a great week and your enthusiasm and determination to learn never fails to impress us. We were wowed by your fraction work in Maths too. Fantastic!

'Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 9th December. Any questions, please contact Miss Simmons.

Friday Try Day: Today the children tried a slice of pickled gherkin – mixed reviews again! But the vast majority of children liked the experience!

With love and best wishes,

Miss Woodford