

Newsletter 10 (2020-21)

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Dear Parents,

PTA NEWS

The T-Towel orders and sales are going unbelievably well! Currently, we are over £1000 in profit and there are still some families who have not ordered yet. The order page on ParentMail will be open until Monday morning so please have a look over the weekend. Thank you to everyone who has purchased already plus those who have added an additional donation!

Pounding the Playground fundraiser = £398.12!

I sent a ParentMail message this morning with the first edition of the PTA Bulletin. This is such a good read and shows exactly the money we need to raise to maintain our specialist Music, Dance, Art and PE teachers. Please take time to read this.

Included in the Bulletin was further news of the planned Advent Raffle. Tickets will shortly go on sale via ParentMail but, if you have any donations that you would like to offer, please bring those into the school office between **23rd and 26th November**.

We have already had some amazing donations – so thank you if you are one of the families that have done this already. We are aiming for an adult and a child's prize every day from 1st – 17th December – which means we need 34 prizes.

Tickets will be sold in strips of 5 for £5. You can buy any multiple of 5 at any time up until 16th December. The more tickets you buy the more chances you have of winning. If you win, with one ticket your name will remain in the draw which ensures you are still in it to win it!

Anti-Bullying Week

The children have really enjoyed the various activities they have been engaged in for Anti-Bullying week. Their understanding of what is right and fair is a delight. The extension of Odd Socks Day to Odd Socks Week has been hysterical! Some children have gone for the straight swop of very odd socks whilst some have gone for a more subtle approach – maybe the same colour but different pattern. Some have even tried to push the “Are the Odd Socks at all?” by wearing striped socks with a subtle difference and other such ingenious ways of showing that we are all the same but different.

Message from Miss Granite: Introducing Ollee – a virtual friend (ParentZone/BBC Children In Need)

Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

It's designed to help children reflect on how they feel and to process their experiences with the support and help of their parents and carers – and it does this by offering them advice about a range of subjects: school, family, friends, their body, the internet and the world. For each of these subjects, children can choose an emotion that matches how they feel about it: happy, angry, sad, confused, frustrated, stressed or worried.

Next, they can choose from a list of topics – for instance, a child who was worried about school might be able to select ‘I haven't done my homework’ as the cause of their worry. Finally, they'll see a page of advice about the topic, presented in child-friendly bite-sized chunks they can read then or save for later.

You can more information and download the Ollee app here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>

Christmas Lunch Options!

Our Catering Company, Harrison's, have sent us exciting news about this year's Christmas lunch which will be served on **Thursday 10th December**. I have attached a copy of the poster so you know what the children will be having. If your child has school lunches, they will automatically be having the Christmas lunch. If your child has a packed lunch, you will need to decide if you would like your child to have this delicious meal.

I will be sending you an order form on Monday via ParentMail which will have an option button for which version of the Christmas lunch your child would like. Lunches cost £2.50.

The 10th December will be our Christmas Jumper day. Please wear a jumper if you would like to for a donation of £2.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Adriana has had a wonderful week in Nursery! She has been very kind to others. Adriana is independent and takes care of herself and others. She has done excellent listening during transition times in the classroom. You are a superstar, Adriana!

Reception: Everyone in Reception has been absolutely amazing this week – well done!

Year One: Purdy is our Star of the Week. We have been particularly impressed with her writing as she has invented some great super powers for our focus character, Billy. Keep up the good work!

Year Two: Ethan, you have had a fantastic week! Your story in English was brilliant. You tried so hard with your sounding out. Keep up the great work. Well done!

Year Three: Congratulations Imogen! This week you have gone above and beyond to demonstrate kindness in Year Three. You are always looking for opportunities to celebrate others and you are a great friend to all. I have been particularly impressed with your excellent story based on the BFG as well. Thank you for continuing to work so hard, your teachers are all very proud of you. Well done!

Year Four: This week our star of the week is Maxwell. He has had a brilliant week, working hard on his story in English. He always gives each task a fantastic effort and is a responsible and caring friend. Well done, Maxwell!

Year Five: Sophia has had a wonderful week. She has worked conscientiously and produced work of a high quality. The poems that she has written at home are absolutely fabulous; the class enjoyed listening to them. Brilliant!

Year Six: Congratulations Shae, you have had another great week. You have really impressed us in PSHE. You have been making very meaningful and reflective contributions with a very mature attitude. Well done!

Friday Try Day: Today the children tried mystery Gluten free/Vegetarian friendly Jelly Beans (all nice not horrid flavours!)

With love and best wishes,

Miss Woodford