

Newsletter 11 (2021-22)

November 26th, 2021

Dear Parents,

A New Christmas Tree Has Arrived in the Hall!

Thank you to Mr. Higgins for putting up our new and spectacular Christmas tree in the hall. Everyone agrees it is magnificent! The tree will be used to display the children's donations of **One New Toys** which we donate to The Salvation Army who distribute these to children across London. **You can begin to send in New Toys from Monday. Please use the form below to indicate clearly which age group it is most suitable for and whether it would be for a boy or girl or either.**

New Pen Licenses Awarded Today

Well done to the following children whose handwriting is now considered so beautiful that they can now use an ink pen! Well done indeed!

Year Three: Georgina and Olivia

Year Six: Amelie, Vinnie Nathan, Ema and Alice May

PTA News

We will be launching the **2021 Advent Raffle** next week so that we can gather enough prizes to start a daily draw on 1st December. This raffle is for both adults and children and the tickets will be available on ParentMail from Monday 22nd November. Tickets are £1 per strip. **Mrs. Hurst is organising this.**

The Class Reps are asking each class to provide 3 prizes which means we will have the required number of 24 prizes in good time. The school will meet every day for a short assembly so we can watch this year's Jacqueline Lawson animated Advent Calendar and draw the Advent Raffle and Teachers' Advent Gifts.

We have already raised an amazing £440 with the sale of Raffle tickets on ParentMail – thank you! A number of present/prize donations have been sent in (thank you!) but we need more for the start of the Advent draw which will begin on Wednesday 1st December. Alert: Grand Prizes: a Harvey Nichols hamper and the Fortnum and Mason Advent Calendar.

Our First Second hand Christmas Jumper sale will take place on Weds 1st December at the same time as the planned Second Hand Uniform Sale. This is a new idea and really worth planning but we do need some Christmas jumpers to be donated in order to hold it. At the moment, we have just one jumper in the office and it is very lonely!

The Christmas Jumper and the Second Hand uniform sale will be held in the school hall Miss Rogers and Miss Wellmann will be setting this up on Tuesday afternoon. To help prevent too many people arriving at the same time the suggested times are as follows:

8:30am: Year 5 & 6
8:45am: Years 3 & 4
2:45pm: Years 1 & 2
3pm: Nursery & reception

The sale will be in good time for the Christmas lunch and Non-Uniform day on December 8th. If you would like to donate a Christmas jumper that has become too small, please send this into the school office as soon as

possible.

More News about the “A Day in My Digital Life” competition

For some unknown reason, I mistakenly left Elizabeth in Year One out of the list of winners last week. Many apologies to Elizabeth and her family.

News From The Charity Committee

1. Annual Smartie Appeal for The Passage has started really well. Please make sure to end in the re-filled tubes on Monday as Emma C and Emma E in Year Three are busy ticking off the returned tubes and the Charity Committee are to begin the coin counting on Monday.
2. Thank you to everyone who has sent in food for our revamped **School Food Bank**. The Food Tub is filling up nicely! Well done to Nursery and Reception classes for using their Harvest theme to donate food this week – thank you!
3. **A cake sale on December 3rd in aid of Cancer Research UK thanks to magnificent lobbying from Imogen (Y3)**. Please send your donations in on the day or well wrapped the day before. Please do your best not to include items which contain nuts

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Angelina has had a fantastic week and we have all been really excited to see her gaining more confidence in class. She really enjoys playing with all the different activities in Nursery and is extremely kind and caring to her friends. She is an excellent role model and deserves to feel very proud of herself, as we do. Well done, Angelina! You are a star!

Reception: Congratulations Noah, you are our Star of the Week! You have been doing such a great job listening and are always showing fantastic efforts with your learning. Keep it up!

Year One: The Star of the Week is Aram. He amazed us with his enthusiasm for and knowledge about animals in Science. He made lots of valuable contributions on the carpet and has been working very hard this week.

Year Two: Harri-Ella you are our Star of the Week. You have been working incredibly hard this week during Maths lessons. We have been so impressed with how focused you have been.

Year Three: Isabella- You continuously act as a role model for everyone in Year 3. You are so determined and dedicated in all aspects of school life, it is fantastic to see! Your positivity amazes me each and every day!

Year Four: Hector, you have tried your very best at English and Maths this week. You have also shown kindness when helping a classmate with Maths.

Year Five: Phoenix has had a great week. She has continued to work hard and produce some fantastic work, particularly in maths when undertaking work on time and also when measuring length using centimetres and millimetres. Brilliant work!

Year Six: Vinnie has had a super week. He has been working tremendously hard – his short division this week has been brilliant. Well done, and keep up the amazing attitude towards your learning!

Buster’s Weekend Friend

This week, Buster is going home with Alice (Y6). This is because she shows such kindness in all she does. She is generous with her own belongings as well as her time, enthusiasm and positivity. Alice is hard working and always contributes ideas in class. A worthy candidate for Buster!

Teacher Angel: This week, the children voted for Mr. Pearman. This is because he is very thoughtful and supportive towards both children and adults. They like that he joins in their games at playtime and he makes learning fun and enjoyable. When the announcement was made (very well by Archie and Salome Y5), all of Year Three were so happy; their smiles were a delight!

Friday TryDay Today was a slight disaster – I went to a really large Tesco to buy some pomegranates but they didn't have! Maybe next week.

I hope you have a restful weekend and keep safe.

With love and best wishes,

Ms. Woodford