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Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to report that despite us being in a second lockdown, your children continue to come into school or to their home learning with an amazing attitude, following our REACH OUT values and our Five Golden Rules. This week we are focusing on our value of 'Achievement' and Golden Rule number 3 'We always do our best at everything'. We are all really proud of the children and it has been very difficult for teachers to choose which children receive certificates at our Friday Learner of the Week and Acorn assemblies. In this newsletter, I have included some photographs of some of the activities that your children are taking part in. If you would like to see more on a regular basis, please follow us on twitter @WilliamShrews.

As children are working on devices more frequently at home now, we would urge parents to think very carefully about online safety as there are many unscrupulous people in the world who will look to exploit this situation. For this reason, we have sent out leaflets this week regarding many of the most popular apps outlining some of the potential issues and ways of safeguarding your child.

Covid-19 continues to be something that we must try to contain at all costs if we want to protect those who are vulnerable in our families and if we want to be healthy for Christmas. Although we have had to close five bubbles over the last couple of weeks, it is only due to four positive cases so we are hopeful that we can keep our levels of infection down. Please can you help us by wearing a face covering when you come onto the school premises or when you are close to others at the school gate and by keeping children off school when a family member is having a test. We would also be grateful if you could get your child tested if you have a positive test. Your support with this is much appreciated.

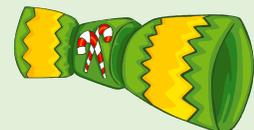
Despite Covid-19, Christmas is on its way and you will find lots of information in this newsletter about how we hope to celebrate in slightly different ways this year.

Elaine Curtis



Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 11th December



Although the children will be eating in their class bubbles this year, we can still have Christmas dinner day when children can wear their festive Christmas jumpers (or red or green tops) over their normal school uniform. We will have lots of festive songs in the background to get us into the Christmas mood too! Please make sure you have booked your junior child's Christmas lunch and paid in advance (£2.35) on Parent Pay.

Christmas Concerts

Unfortunately, we are unable to perform our normal Christmas concerts this year. However, we still intend to give our children the opportunity to participate in a Christmas themed performance with their class, which will be filmed by their class teacher. This will be completed by each class in the year group and then put together as a whole year group video recording before being shared with their parents.

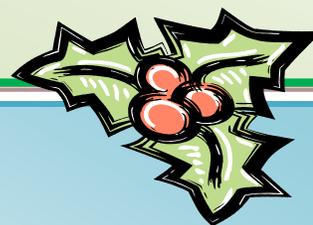
The performance of one of our Year groups will be chosen to represent our school in the Central Co-operative Learning Trust Christmas video. You will have received an email this week asking you to email us if you would not like your child to be in the video.

Christmas Charities

Usually, we have exit collections for charity on the way out of our Christmas concerts. You have always been so very generous at Christmas when the school community tries to help those who are less fortunate than we are. As we cannot collect money in person this year, we will be creating a place on Parent Pay for you to donate to charity instead. We understand that things are difficult financially for many people this year, and we will totally understand if you do not feel able to contribute. Any money collected will be split equally between the following charities:

- MacMillan Cancer Support
- The Local YMCA who support local families through their foodbank as well as homeless people
- Dreamflight - a charity which helps young children with serious illness or disabilities to have a special holiday

Thank you for your support for these very worthwhile projects.



AFWS News

Our Amazing AFWS team are all still busily working behind the scenes to raise money for the children this Christmas. All of their events are now online so joining the AFWS Facebook page is the best way for you to find out what they are doing although they also communicate through email too where possible. The raffle will go live on December 1st and they are busily getting together a great list of prizes donated from local businesses and parents. This fundraiser is even more important than ever with the loss of funds from the Christmas fayre.

There is a countdown to Christmas currently running through the month of November where local businesses have paid a fee to advertise on the Facebook page and there are some great ideas for Christmas gifts. There will be an online Christmas quiz going out next week with a chance to win an online Amazon voucher. The children have designed some amazing Christmas cards. Thank you for supporting us by buying them - they are coming out to you this week. AFWS will still be providing selection boxes for every child and Santa is currently preparing an online video so he can still give the children a message while he is isolating! Watch this space!

If you are doing any of your Christmas shopping on Amazon, please do this using Amazon Smiles as we get 0.5% of all the money spent. We have earned over £100 this year by parents spending and linking to the AFWS charity, which is fantastic! Thank you

Road Safety Message

It's autumn and the clocks have gone back! This means the evenings are dark sooner and some days can be very dull, and of course it will start to get cold so its winter coat time and hoods up, but...

Can you be seen?

Make sure you wear something light coloured, reflective or fluorescent

Can you see properly before you cross the road?

Take your hood off your head to Stop, Look and Listen

It is difficult for vehicle drivers to see you when you are in dark clothing and when there are no street lights so please...

**THINK!
BE SAFE!
BE SEEN!
STAY SAFE!**



Christmas Post

Instead of our Christmas post boxes, this year we are asking children to only bring in cards for the children in their class during the last two weeks. Please send cards in on Mondays to Wednesdays and teachers will then give them out at the end of each week after a few days quarantine.



Monks Bridge

Please be aware that the Monks Bridge is a private residence as well as a pub. The owners have reported seeing children causing some damage to the property on their CCTV. Please ask your children not to play on the premises.

Christmas Party days

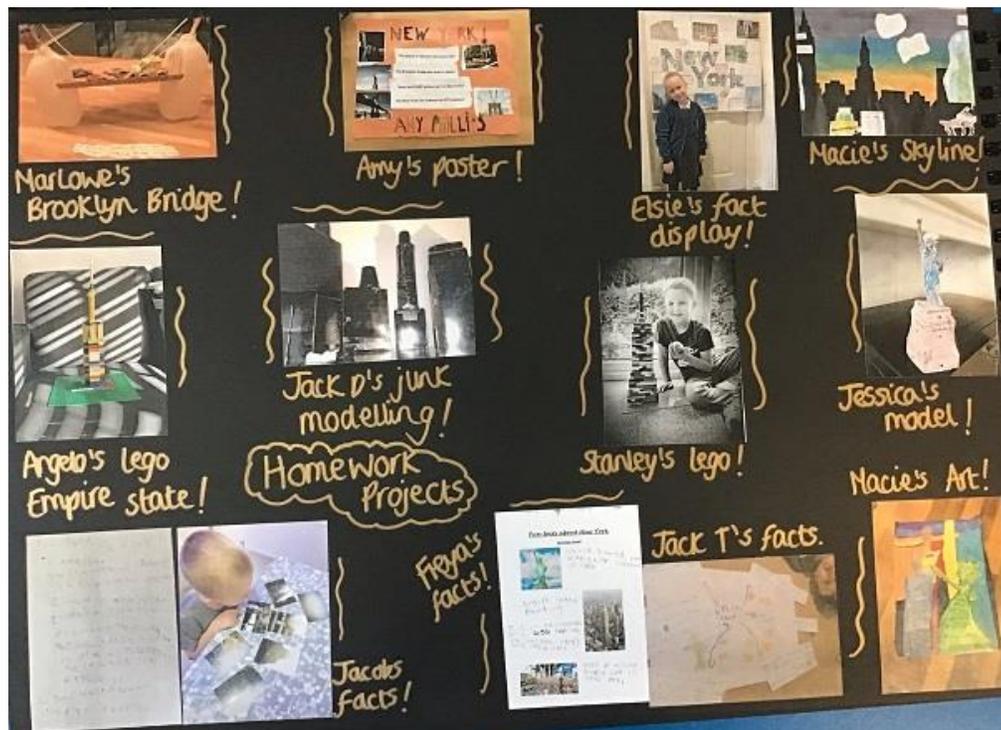
This year, different year groups will be having their parties on different days so that we can timetable the halls for some party games for the individual bubbles. Children can come to school in their party clothes. All of the parties will be during the last week of term as follows:

Monday 14th December - Reception and Year 1

Tuesday 15th December - Year 2 and Year 3

Wednesday 16th December - Nursery, Year 4 and Year 6

Thursday 17th December - Year 5



Each class has a book where they record some of the more practical activities that they do. Here are a few examples of the activities we have been doing this term....

Family Learning

All about New York

Statue of Liberty

- It has 254 Steps
- There are 25 windows in it's crown
- It is in the liberty island in New York harbour
- It weighs 225 tons

Times Square

Times Square is known for its neon lights.

It is the middle of the city and it is sometimes called the crossroads of the world.

There are lots of bright advertisements, shops, restaurants and theatres.

Central Park

- A beautiful park
- Attracts lots of tourists
- Has an ice rink in Winter

I have the right...

Our Charter

I have the right to be heard

I have the right to go to school

I have the right to be healthy

I have the right to feel safe

to be heard

to play

to go to school

to be healthy

to feel safe