



Newsletter 6

27th November

Dear Parents & Families

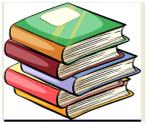
We've nearly got through another lockdown and so far have avoided closing a bubble (still keeping our fingers crossed!) Thank you to everyone for your fantastic co-operation with our safety measures which has helped staff to stay healthy and children to have high attendance at school.

The run up to Christmas will be different but we will make sure there is still lots of excitement, festivities and happiness - it has started with all the classroom doors being decorated and the office contribution is making everyone smile.

Now we will be moving into Tier 2, we will be reviewing some of the dropping-off / collection procedures—please look out for the information in the next couple of days.

Alongside all the Covid work (which is immense) there is still fantastic teaching going on. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all our Y2 children who have taken the phonics screening check. We have maintained our standards achieving 93% pass!!! Individual results will be coming out soon.

Mrs Karen Stanton & Miss Becky Snelling
Co-Headteachers



Well done to all our Key Stage 2 AR readers who achieve certificates each week especially

OMAR FARID in ORANGE CLASS

He is our youngest Word Millionaire - 7 years old!!!

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you all for your amazing generosity.

We raised £351.50 which is a record!



'BUBBLES' IN SCHOOL DO NOT WORK OUTSIDE SCHOOL!

We've been hearing some children arranging to 'call for each other' to go out and play—this is not allowed under lockdown and will not be allowed under Tier 2 regulations.

The class bubbles children are in whilst in school **don't** mean they are okay to play together outside school. We sent a message from Cambridgeshire Constabulary which explained this very clearly—if you haven't watched it here is the link again:

<https://youtu.be/qvJAiyIX9X0>

Please work with us to keep everyone in our community safe and well.



Dates for the Diary

2020/2021 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING	
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December	Bag2school
Thursday 17th December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 18th December	End of Term
Monday 4th January	Training Day
Tuesday 5th January	Spring Term begins

Newsletter dates for this term: 18 December



*Thank You
to the
Lanckriet, Duncombe & Horder families
For the treats to keep us going through
lockdown. You are very kind thinking of us!*



Do not send your child to school if they have:

- **a high temperature** – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.

You should book a test for your child on NHS online or by phoning 119.

Please note - only the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.

Make sure you tell us immediately about any symptoms and when you receive the result of the test.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ANY PARENTS WHO ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN TO USE TIKTOK

We know some of our older children are using TikTok even though the age restriction is for 13+ year olds and that parents are aware of this. If this is you, please can we urge you to watch this Panorama documentary which highlights the dangers of the site, especially for younger users.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000p3p9/panorama-is-tiktok-safe>

Celebration Assembly

We will continue to have our Celebration Assemblies on Friday afternoon but these will be via Zoom within school.
We are sad that we can't share this wonderful time with you all but hopefully your children will let you know all about it.

Our recent highlight has been the 'I am Me' day last week. We spent the day sharing what we like about each other and what we think they're really good at. We also learnt a lot about ourselves! It was a great time of learning to celebrate our successes and we also considered the things we want to get better at and skills we want to learn in the future. In our Topic lessons we made food chains and started using our specialist vocabulary to describe the animals. We also went on a leaf hunt outside to collect leaves for our Predator collages which we'll continue to work on in the next few weeks. In English, we finished writing our reports on predators. We've used specific terminology, alliterative sub-headings and descriptive sentences, which has made for some very informative and attention grabbing reports. Since then, we have started looking at nonsense poetry and even creating our own. We have found that it can be a really funny and enjoyable process!

So much seems to have happened since our last newsletter. The children celebrated 'I Am Me' day with lots of activities that celebrated everyone's unique attributes. This coincided with our pebble treat. Now we begin to fill the jar up again. In PSHE, we have been revisiting the PANTS song and discussing how we keep ourselves safe. We have used the NSPCC website for age-appropriate ideas to share with the children. In maths, the children have been challenging themselves with column subtraction crossing the tens (exchanging) If there is any opportunity to practise this at home that would be great. We are using the method shared on this Youtube clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0X3vJGR1rYs>. We are beginning to dip our toes into Christmas as well as think about our carnival afternoon on Monday 7th December. (More information to follow)

Purple Class are completely immersed in their space topic! They have been finding out about the astronaut Helen Sharman; using their fractions knowledge to build scale models of the planets out of playdough; acting out the solar system using balloons for the planets; researching a planet ready to write their own non-chronological report; listening to 'Mars' from the Planets Suite by Gustav Holst and developing their own ostinato rhythms. They have also been linking some of their maths learning to space and designing their own word searches using the key vocabulary they are learning this half term. We are enjoying seeing their home learning projects on Seesaw!

Red Class have enjoyed listening to stories about different festivals and celebrations and writing about them. They have been trying hard with their handwriting to form their long ladder letters correctly. In maths, they have been continuing to find out about numbers and have also been learning to tell the time to o' clock. They have been practising writing their own addition and subtraction number sentences. Red Class had great fun celebrating everything that was special about them on our "I am Me" day last week and a highlight was joining in with a parade around the playground wearing their crowns!

The children are continuing to enjoy the 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' topic! They have made dough this week and have been making 'mixtures' of their own! It certainly feels like Winter has arrived and we have had some lovely frosty mornings! Please do make sure the children have all the things they need to stay warm outside and that everything is named, please! Thank you!
Could we also ask that the little book that has the High Frequency word lists in it is in school every day as well as their Reading Journal so that we can check and add to these when necessary? Many thanks!
Have a lovely Weekend.

Green Class have written gladiator fact files including gruesome details about gladiator life! Our new writing task is a Roman adventure story which we are looking forward to writing over the next few weeks. Our science sound work has been really interesting too and we have learnt about frequency and pitch. This topic has been great fun as we have been learning new vocabulary and investigating. We look forward to doing more learning about Romans and sound next week!

Silver Class have been learning all about Mexico, creating an excel document about the climate and researching animal and plant species in order to support their brochure writing. Furthermore, they have learnt about how to create an extended metaphor as well as writing a persuasive letter to Mrs Stanton about their reading. In Maths, they have been learning all about fractions, comparing, simplifying and placing on a number line. In art, they compared and evaluated architecture of the Mayans and Frank Lloyd Wright. In PSHE, Silver Class have been learning about their emotions and discussing age ratings for various films and the reasons for this. They are looking forward to creating their Christmas door for our in school competition.



Let's Celebrate

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Star awards:

YR- Amelia Waters
 Y1- Neeya Abdu
 Y2- Emilia Mikula
 Y3- James Massey
 Y4- Chiara D'Appollonio
 Y5- Oscar Waters
 Y6- Ramiz Yusufzai

Harry Stigwood
 Emilia Meintjes
 Henry Hackett
 Aysha Rasekh
 Millie Painter
 Niamh O'Donovan
 Kiki Skinner

Golden Book: Angelina Hutber
 Amara Bawa

Ted Hordern
 Abigail Dodd

Well Done Everyone!

Careclubs



Thank you to everyone who has already returned the Christmas Holiday Club booking form.

If you haven't yet returned your form please return it by Monday, we only have a few places left due to high demand so places are now limited!

Thank you

Online Safety

National Online Safety have released a parent guide to the new Play station 5. It includes tips on how to deal with a number of risks including: spending money, contact online and age inappropriate content.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/playstation-5>