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Newsletter

19th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Here we are, in the latter stages of November, readily awaiting the fullness of winter to arrive and we can already sense the excitement and festivities of Christmas looming large on the horizon!

As usual, the children have been busy at play and at work. At the start of this half term, we held our first consultation event of the year. Following feedback, these took place either virtually or face to face. I can report that we had 100% attendance and it is great to see home and school working in partnership. As ever, please do get in touch, should you need to discuss anything further.

Respect is our collective worship theme this half term and two of our vision leaders led us in an act of remembrance last week. They did a marvellous job, helping us reflect and be thankful for all those that lost their lives in the Great War and all wars since.

It has been Anti Bullying week and it was great to see so many odd socks around school on Monday. We have been celebrating all the things that make us unique. The theme for this year is 'One Kind Word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. We have been discussing how these little acts of kindness can have a ripple effect in our school.

We had a fantastic turnout for our annual open day for prospective parents of Reception children starting in September 2021. Thank you for all the recommendations.

Miss Akrigg and the chair of the PTA met last week to review plans for Christmas in light of the latest Covid guidance. These plans have been shared lower down this newsletter and have also been emailed separately.

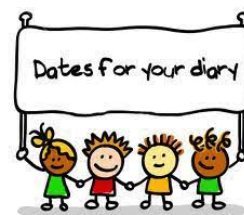
It's a 'bursting at the seams' newsletter, so please do take the time to read and digest.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Tim Whitehead

Dates for your diaries...

21.10.21 – Mixed Football event at South Craven – KS2
21.10.21 – Year 1 & 2 trip to Nell Bank
21.10.21 – End of first half term
01.11.21 – Teacher training Day / Parent Consultation afternoon
06.11.21 – Open morning for prospective new children in September 2022
09.11.21 – Diversity Day
11.11.21 – Open afternoon for prospective new children in September 2022
15.11.21 – Anti Bullying Week
15.11.21 – Road Safety Week
19.11.21 – Children in Need
19.11.21 – World Toilet Launch Day
07.12.21 – EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance in Church – 2pm & 6pm
09.12.21 – KS2 Carol Service in Church – 6pm
16.12.21 – Christmas dinner and party afternoon
17.12.21 – Christmas Jumper Day/End of autumn term



Newsletter

Please note the newsletter is now fortnightly and the first one of each half term will be a Curriculum Newsletter



Dogs on the playground

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. We have children in school who are allergic to dogs. Please can this message be passed on to any family/friends who might drop off and collect children from school too.



Covid Cautious

In order to keep everyone safe in the run up to Christmas, please can we remind parents/carers that any child with covid symptoms should be taken for a PCR test and only sent back to school when a notification of a negative result has been received.

As we are still keeping windows open for ventilation please send your children to school in warm clothes.



Governing Body Update – Message from John Perry – Chair of Governors

The Governing Body Resources and Finance meeting took place Monday 15th November.

Minutes of the October 2021 curriculum meeting were approved - these will be downloaded onto the school website shortly.

The meeting focused primarily on school finances, an important foundation for delivering on the school vision, Learning to Live, Living to Love, Loving to Learn, and ensuring children continue to receive a high quality education.

Governors looked at the provision planned in the current academic year for the Primary PE and Sports Premium, government grant funding to allow schools to provide physical activities for all children.

It was noted that increasing physical activity is a key focus for the school given the disruptions of the Covid-19 pandemic. Governors also discussed the Walking Bus initiative and the role this could play in increasing physical activity for children. Governors asked whether it was possible to look at increasing the Walking Bus provision, something Mr Whitehead will be investigating.

Information on the planned allocation of the PE and Sports Premium funding will be downloaded onto the school website shortly.

Governors looked at the current finances around the Before and After School Club and the measures taken to ensure the provision meets the needs of children and families whilst remaining financially secure - positive feedback on the provision from parents was noted.

Governors view the Before and After School provision very positively and wish to ensure it remains accessible to all families.

Governors 'signed off' the Pupil Premium strategy statement, a government required document outlining planned allocation of government grant funding to improve the attainment of 'disadvantaged' children.

Governors also heard about school spending on new interactive whiteboards, resources to support the phonics scheme and the summer internal building redecoration - governor scrutiny of the budget has however had to be held over until the December meeting when detailed financial information should be available.

Learning to Live

Governing Body Update – Message from John Perry – Chair of Governors - Continued

The meeting also discussed the: autumn term governor safeguarding monitoring report; the planned e-safety Mark award process; and future governor training.

Key school policies were 'signed off', including on Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School, Child Protection, Peer on Peer Abuse and Collective Worship.

A building conditions report is expected soon and will be discussed at a future meeting. The possibility of future building work, and perhaps modifications to the site, was briefly discussed, although the nature of any work would depend on the outcome of the 'conditions' report.

The next planned governors meeting is a Full Governing Body meeting in early December, at school.

In the light of the on-going 'Covid' situation governors are keen to ensure that children and school staff, and their families, are as safe as possible as Christmas approaches and are reassured that school is working hard to sensitively manage issues and respond to government advice.

Further information on the work of the governing body can be seen on the school website at, www.kildwickceschool.org.uk

School policies and the strategic development plan can also be seen through the website.

This is the third governor meeting update this term, if you have any comments or suggestions for future updates, please let Mr Whitehead at school know.

Elections are currently being held for the vacant parent governor position - information on the outcome of the election will be circulated by the school.

John Perry
Chair of Governors

Learning to Live



Governor Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a parent governor and you should have received communication via email with regards to this. You can read about the nominees and make your selection [here](#). The voting process closes on Monday 22nd November.

Odd Sock Day

We kicked off anti bullying week with Odd Sock Day. We celebrated all the things that make us unique. We have also been thinking about small acts of kindness that can have a big impact within our school community.



No Christmas Cards – save the planet

We are discouraging the sending and receiving of Christmas cards this year for environmental reasons. Children can record a Christmas message and post on their google classroom. School staff will also post a message on Google Classroom too! We would like to suggest the children buy something for the reverse advent with what they would have spent on cards. This also raises an opportunity to discuss the important message about the need to protect our planet and cut down on the amount of waste that we produce!



Walking Bus

This takes place each Thursday and leaves from the car park at Cross Hills Coop at 8.30am. Please sign up for free on Parent Pay.

Learning to Live

Extra-curricular clubs

We have had a fantastic response to clubs this half term. Please note that clubs do not run on the first and last week of each half term.

Monday -	Choir KS2 Kanga Sports – KS2
Tuesday -	Sewing / Craft – KS1 & 2 Kanga – KS1
Wednesday -	Dance – KS1
Thursday -	Mini Ringers Cookery Club – KS2

Cross Country

The Craven cross country final took place last week at Giggleswick School and even though the children found the course challenging, they gave their best and did Kildwick school proud.

We had a great turn out to the first Keighley schools cross country series at Cliffe Castle. We had some brilliant individual results and are placed highly as a team. The results can be viewed [here](#). Each pupil racing in three of the four events will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Please note the start time for Primary School races at Lund Park on 30th November has been amended and will now be 3pm to ensure races are finished before it gets dark. Please sign up via ParentPay.



Learning to Live

Basket Ball

Year Five and Six took part in a basketball skills event with other pupils from our local cluster of schools at South Craven School. They improved their skills by rotating around various stations before competing in some basketball matches.



Core Value Vision Leaders

Our Core Vision leaders have started to lead collective worship in school each week. I will be asking them to write a paragraph to be included in the newsletter. Watch this space!



Living to Love



PTA – Christmas Activities

We have decided that due to the ongoing impact of Covid there will not be a PTA Christmas Fair again this year. Whilst we are disappointed to miss this fun event, we feel it is in the best interests of the children, their families and our wider school community. However, we will be running various Christmas activities in school for the children to take part in. We will be doing everything we can to make sure there is lots of Christmas spirit here!

Here is a reminder of all the upcoming activities - all are now live on ParentPay. The prices are suggested payments, you may pay less (or more!) depending on your own financial circumstances. Children who have not made payment will still be included in these activities.

PTA Christmas sweet jar decorating - £2.50. This needs to be paid by Thursday 9th December. Please can children bring an empty jar into school for this activity. This can be brought in from Wednesday 10th November 2021.

PTA Christmas party and Santa's grotto visit (this includes a present) - £3.50. This needs to be paid by Wednesday 15th December. The party will take place on Thursday 16th December during school time and children can come to school in their party clothes. A party lunch will be provided for those children who normally have a school lunch. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a party lunch on this date, please email admin@kildwick.n-yorks.sch.uk before Friday 3rd December.

PTA Family Present - £2.50 per present. Children can buy a present for a family member. They will choose it in school time on Thursday 16th November and it will be wrapped by an adult for them to bring home. There will be a maximum of two presents per child. This needs to be paid by Friday 10th December.

Please can children start to bring in donations of gift items for this. They need to be in school by Monday 6th December. (As the donations are to be used for gifts, please can we ask that all items are in new condition – a great opportunity to pass on unwanted gifts gathering dust in the cupboards).

Donations for 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' - Minimum £1. Children will have the opportunity to guess the name of the Teddy W/C 17th December. This needs to be paid by Friday 10th December.





Happy Birthday to you!

Birthdays since last newsletter.....

Freddie - Class 4

Isabella - Class 4

Aubrey - Class 1

Isla - Class 5

Georgia - Class 5

Jude - Class 2

Henry - Class 1

Harris - Class 2

Izabel - Class 4

Aria - Class 1

Matheo - Class 3

Freddie - Class 3

Eliza - Class 4

Hidayah - Class 4

Tommy - Class 4

Isla - Class 4

Lewis - Class 5

Louie - Class 5

Hari - Class 1

Birthdays

Children are invited to come in non-uniform on their birthday.

If this falls on a weekend or during a holiday, they can come in non-uniform on the Monday or Friday before their birthday.

Living to Love

World Toilet Day

We launched our fundraising campaign this week for World Toilet Day. Each class were set the challenge of coming up with a fundraising idea to raise enough money to buy one toilet. This means we can 'twin' all of our toilets to another toilet (funded by us) somewhere in the world. The staff will also be fundraising to 'twin' the staff toilet! Please keep an eye on Google Classrooms for further details.



Reverse Advent

Each year we like the children to take part in a reverse advent activity. This year we have decided that we would like to donate items to 'Homeless not Hopeless'. This is a local charity supporting homeless people in our area. We have sent a letter outlining suggested items for the shoe box appeal. You can donate a full shoe box or select one/some items off the list to donate.

Your child will be given a date in December to bring in their reverse advent items. We will try to match days up for siblings. The list of dates will be available on Google Classroom.



Diversity Day

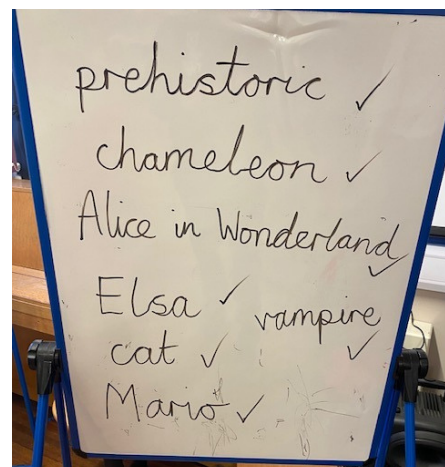
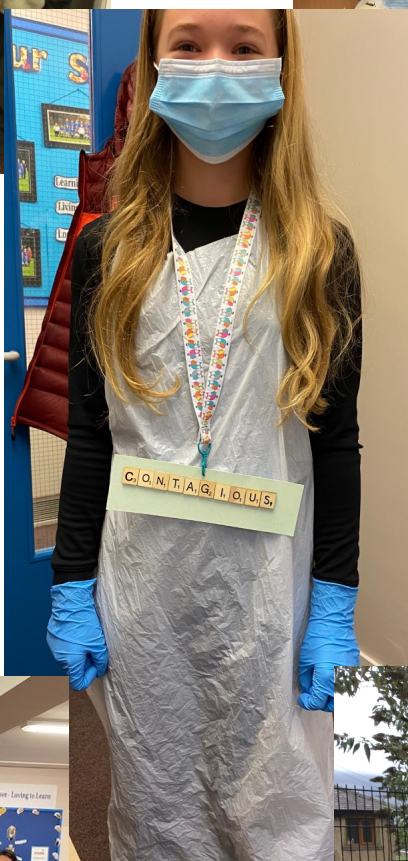
Amaali Day Workshops visited school last week for our whole school diversity day. Yazi worked with each class through the course of the day. She introduced herself, her background and her religion. The children then rotated around various activities including; Chapatti making, dressing up in Salwar kameez, saris, hijabs; henna painting and Arabic writing. The children had a fantastic time learning about a different faith and culture from the UK.



Loving to Learn

Spelling Day

To celebrate our spelling day, children dressed up as a word that they could spell. There were some fantastic costumes depicting words. It was great to hear everyone spelling some challenging words. Children also took part in a range of spelling activities in their classes to practise spelling a variety of words. Each staff member wore a letter which the children unscrambled to spell lots of different words including one word which used all of the letters - deforestation.



Class Awards – 05/11/2021

Class 1 – Robins

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

LIYANNA
FEARNE

ELLA
AUBREY

EDDIE
DEXTER.J



Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

ALICE

HARRY

Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE

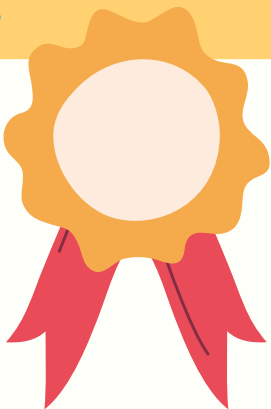
LOVE

LEARN

IVY

IMOGEN

HARRY.E



Class 4 – Owls

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

LOLA

RALPH

ELSIE

Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

LOTTIE

CHARLIE

NOAH



Class Awards – 12/11/2021

Class 1 – Robins

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

SETH
FREYJA

IBRAHIM
MADDIE

ARIA
ANNA



Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

HARRIS

RYAN

ERNIE

Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE

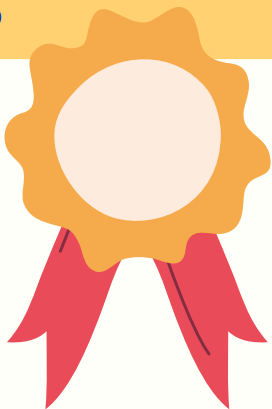
LOVE

LEARN

PARISA

JACOB

AUSTIN



Class 4 – Owls

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

JULIET

BIBI

MAX

Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE

LOVE

LEARN

FINLAY

ORLA

LOUIE



Class Awards – 19/11/2021

Class 1 – Robins

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
PHOEBE HENRY	FAYE CHARLOTTE	OSCAR DEXTER.F

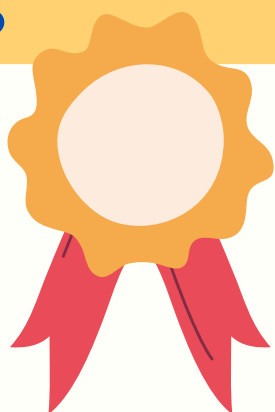


Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
GEORGE.L	MEGAN	ARCHIE.C

Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
MALIK	LOLA	MAYA



Class 4 – Owls

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
ISABELLA	HARRY.W	WILLOW.C

Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE	LOVE	LEARN
GABRIEL	ZACH	ISAAC

