

Newsletter Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020



Dates for your diary		
Date / Time	Event	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Virtual trip to the Cinema	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Raffle	
W/C Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Online Christmas Pantomime	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch for children and staff	
Thur 17th Dec	Class Christmas Parties	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non Uniform/Christmas Jumper	
	Day	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for Christmas break	

## A lovely email we received from Maggie and Alice's Mam:



I've been talking to the girls about the Feeding Families project where people can donate

Christmas food hampers to families in need this winter.

I suggested they could take something off each of their

Christmas lists and the money, that would have gone to

Santa for these presents, could be used to buy things for a

hamper for a family who needs food and toiletries much more

than the girls need an extra present each.

They know how lucky they are to have a lovely home and school life and not worry about food and things that some children do.

As well as donating a hamper people can register to be matched to a family so they can deliver their own fresh hamper direct to the family just before Christmas. The scheme is still running as far as I'm aware if anyone else would be interested in getting involved. Their website is feedingfamilies.org.uk

Well done Maggie and Alice! You are two very kind girls.



If children do something nice/kind/above and beyond at home/outside of school, parents can take a photo of it and email it to school. The photos will then be printed and put in the Random Act of Kindness book and

• Kindness

shared in our Newsletter.
<a href="mailto:easingtonce@durhamlearning.net">easingtonce@durhamlearning.net</a>

On Monday, Maggie and Alice's mam will be taking her Samaritans Purse Shoebox to a drop off point. If anyone else has a box ready, she is happy to take it. Just drop it into the School Office.

Attendance week commencing 30th November 2020		
Ms. Lilley's Class – <b>ELM</b>	98.9	
Miss Defty's Class – <b>OAK</b>	100	
Miss O'Neil's Class – MAPLE	100	
Mr. Churchill's Class— SYCAMORE	98.2	
Mrs. Appleby's Class - WILLOW	96.2	

## Star pupils 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Ms. Lilley's Class – <b>ELM</b>	Jake Duggan
Miss Defty's Class – <b>OAK</b>	Maddie Lowry
Miss O'Neil's Class – MAPLE	Joshua Brymer
Mr. Churchill's Class- SYCAMORE	Anabelle Osborne
Mrs. Appleby's Class - WILLOW	Zach Haley
Mr Appleby's Special Book	Lilly Thompson
Pupils Pupil	Anashe Ngwenya /
	Ruvarashe Ngwenya

## **School Photographs**

Please could orders be returned to school by **Thursday 10**<sup>th</sup> **Dec**. The orders are to be collected by Phototronics first thing on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec to ensure delivery in time for Christmas.

## **Christingles for St Mary's Church**

Dear parents and carers,

You will find a collection candle for the Children's Society in your child's bag. If you are able to make a contribution to this charity it will be much appreciated. All money collected goes to the charity and during this time, it is in desperate need of funds. As there will not be a Christingle Service in Church this year, please return your collection candles to school by the end of this term. Thank you, St Mary's P.C.C

## SATS Booster classes canceled for W/C 14/12/20

We have decided not to run the Year 2 and Year 6 Booster Clubs in the final week of term. The children have work extremely hard all term and we cannot fault their effort so we are giving them a well-deserved break. Boosters will resume **W/C 11**<sup>th</sup> **Jan 2021**. Those families with siblings (who access the After School Provision while the SATS Booster Classes are taking place) will have received a letter today. Please could you supply a response to inform us if you still require the After School Care, or if both your children need to leave at normal collection time.

## **OUR AMAZING YEAR 2**

Due to school closures last academic year, our current Year 2 children could not take

the annual Phonics Screening Test at the end of Year 1. The Government stated in September, that all Year 2 children had to take the test by the end of the Autumn term. The national standard for children passing the Phonics test is 82%. I am delighted to inform you that every single one of our Year 2 children – 100%, passed their Phonics test with flying colours!! This is a fantastic achievement for our school and a testament to the hard work of the children and Miss O'Neil. Well done. We are so proud of you all.

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Today, each class enjoyed a Christmas Dance-a-thon. There were prizes for the most enthusiastic dancers and everyone received a little treat © A BIG THANK YOU to our children, and of course their families who supported them with sponsorship. Some more photographs will be loaded on the school website for you to enjoy. All the children (and staff) had a fantastic time and it got everyone in the Christmas spirit ready for our busy month ahead. Please could we ask that sponsor forms and the sponsorship money is returned by Friday 11th December. Thank you so much.























## **Christmas Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who has joined in and purchased raffle tickets already. The prizes will be drawn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. We have attached some more raffle tickets if anyone would still like to take part. As you can see, there are some beautiful hampers to be won. Thank you to our amazing PTA who very kindly helped with extra items to fill them.







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HM Government



## TIER 3

# RANGE ALE

FROM 2 DEC

### **MEETING FRIENDS** AND FAMILY

No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).

## **BARS, PUBS AND** RESTAURANTS

Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.

## RETAIL

## **WORK AND**



Open.

Everyone who can work from home should do so.

## **EDUCATION**



#### INDOOR LEISURE



## ACCOMMODATION



PERSONAL CARE



Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.

Open. Group activities and classes should not take place. Closed (with limited exceptions)

#### Open.

#### OVERNIGHT STAYS



## WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS



ENTERTAINMENT



PLACES OF WORSHIP



We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.

15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.

Indoor venues dosed.

Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.

#### TRAVELLING



#### **EXERCISE**



RESIDENTIAL CARE



LARGE **EVENTS** 



Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.

Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.

COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).

Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

## Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health. gov.uk/coronavirus

## If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature . A new, continuous cough A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit: gov.uk/coronavirus









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## Please spread the word to family and friends about our school $\odot$







Asda has today stepped up its support for families across the UK by offering children the chance to eat for free in its cafes throughout December.

All 216 of the supermarket's cafes are taking part and will provide children under the age of 16 with a meal completely free of any charge when accompanied by an adult. There are no minimum spend requirements or restrictions on the number of children in a family or group that can take advantage of this offer.

Asda expects to serve around 215,000 free meals to children from its cafes during December and is offering hot and cold menu choices such as fish fingers, chicken nuggets or sandwiches - all served with a drink and a piece of fruit.

Asda cafes located in areas with Tier 3 Covid restrictions will still provide this offer to local children via a takeaway service. The offer will run from December 1st to 31st December except Christmas Day when stores are closed.

The free meals for children is part of Asda's Christmas kindness campaign, which aims to support local communities during difficult and unprecedented times.

#### Richard Dent, Asda's Vice President for Fresh Food said:

"We know that it's been a really difficult year for families across the UK with many having to turn to food banks and local community groups for support which is why we want to support as many children as we can during the festive period by offering them a meal in one of our cafes.

I'm really proud that through our Fight Hunger Create Change programme, we are able to continue to support our local communities, especially at this time of year."

Earlier this month, Asda announced it would be providing an additional 1 million meals to support local food banks and charities over the festive period through its transformational Fight Hunger Create Change partnership which supports both the Trussell Trust and FareShare.

The donations will primarily come from Asda's back of store donation programme which sends food to local charities and community groups and in addition, Asda's 387 Community Champions will also make donations on behalf of the store to their local food banks

The retailer is also asking generous customers to support their local community by picking up an extra item and donating it to the food bank collection trolley in store.