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Parent Newsletter – Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sorry that this newsletter is sent on a Sunday, we have had an IT issue at school this weekend, which is being solved as I write.

Covid 19 – Updates

Our school is still open for all year groups as usual. If your child shows any covid-19 symptoms, please arrange to have a test done, notify us that this is taking place and notify us of the outcomes as soon as you know it. Thank you.

Whole School Remembrance Service

On Wednesday we held a socially distanced Remembrance Service on the school playground. Canon John was able to join us and some pupils from Y6 Amethyst Class led us in readings and prayers. You can see or video of the Remembrance Service on our website – click on 'News and Letters'/ School News to view it.

Admissions 2021

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter regarding our Virtual Tour and webinars for prospective parents that we are holding over the next few weeks. Please feel free to share the flyer with anyone who might be interested in applying for a place for Reception 2021.

Anti-Bullying Week – Odd socks day

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we will be focusing PSHE sessions on this topic. As a launch to Anti-Bullying Week, we are running 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday. This is an initiative being run by the Anti-Bullying Alliance: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

What we are asking our children to do is wear odd socks – as whacky as you like, to school on Monday, with their usual school uniform. It's a fun way of recognising that difference is positive and something to be celebrated. There is no donation required for this event, simply odd socks. Our staff will be joining in the fun too.

Nativity Performance

We are working hard on our Nativity preparations for later in the term. Sadly, it will not be possible for us to have parents and friends in school for Nativity this year, as we usually would. Instead, we will be professionally videoing the performance for home viewing. Parents will have an opportunity to purchase

the DVD later in the term. Year Two will, as usual, be leading the nativity and because we cannot have class bubbles performing together, we are planning to edit in performances from Reception and Year One classes. While it won't be exactly the same as we would normally offer, we still want to offer a lovely Nativity for you. More news to follow on this later.

PTA news

Mrs. Bond has organized for us a fabric recycle station, which is located in the school car park. If you have any items which can be recycled, please put them in and when it is full the company will empty it and pay our PTS a commission. Mrs. Bond writes:

'All Items are hand sorted and A class textiles and anything brand new is given to relevant charities they work with such as 'Hands on London', for example who they provide good quality blankets/sleeping bags/clothing to. B class textiles such as logo tops, washed out or misshapen items are sent to their contacts that send on to Asia/Africa. Any logo items such as sports kit, school uniform, is sent to a contact that sends uniforms out to disadvantaged schools and sports groups in Africa.

The aim is to keep as much out of landfill as possible and reuse as much as possible. So, although we hope to make money from it as a PTA even the stuff we don't get paid for will still go on to get re-used too'.

So, look out all items that you might recycle and drop them in the hopper. Many thanks



Big Battery Hunt

Another recycling initiative we are engaged in is the Big battery Hunt. Collection bins are available in the foyer for your children to drop off any used batteries, which will then be recycled, saving landfill and preventing chemicals from leaching out of the batteries into the land. This collection stops in December and there are prizes that the school could win so if you have any used batteries (and who doesn't) then please ask your child to drop them off. Many thanks.



Don't forget about our Christmas Card designs. This was trailed last week. In classes our children have created some Christmas card art work and this has been uploaded to the 'mychild'sart' website. From this, with the unique school code, you can find your child's artwork and then order Christmas cards and other gift items. These are always very popular and perhaps this year, more than ever, the personal nature of this card or gift will go a long way to making distant relatives feel close to you. Our PTA will receive commission on all items sold though the Margaret Roper login. For easy reference I also include the school code here. Log into www.mychildsart.co.uk/order then click on the 'group order portals' part of the page then enter the username MargaretRoper and the password p6xsZQYu . Thank you for your support.

Driving on site

A reminder to parents, and I seen to put this in the newsletter too regularly, is not to drive onto the school site, either at dropping off or at collection times. Special dispensation is only given in very specific circumstances, so please tell whoever is collecting your child to park and walk. This is for the safety and convenience of all. Thank you.

Packed Lunches

I wrote a separate letter on packed lunch contents on Thursday so if you haven't seen it please review. We are concerned that nut-based products are finding their way into lunchboxes and this is a hazard to the children we have in school who have allergies. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Croydon Early Help Strategy

As part of our safeguarding audit work, it is required to ensure that all our parents are aware of the Croydon Safeguarding and Early help strategy. Early help refers to families who may need additional support because of specific circumstances that they are facing. Please take the time to review the strategy.

<http://croydonlcsb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Croydon-Partnership-Early-Help-Strategyapproved-Sept18-2018-2020.pdf>

Caring, Learning and Achieving together as part of God's Family

Stars of the week

In our virtual assembly this morning we said well done to the following stars of the week from each class.

- **Red Class** – Victoria & Pavel
- **Orange Class** – Mary & Aanya
- **Yellow Class** – Mateo & Talia
- **Green Class** – Sophie & Eleanor
- **Blue Class** – Sophia W & Tiago
- **Indigo Class** – Lemuel & Kanya
- **Amethyst Class** – Riley & Shavero
- **Violet Class** – Harry & Isabelle

Well done to all of you!

Have a pleasant weekend – stay safe

Mr. Mooney

Attachment:

Staggered starts and finish times for this half term

Class	Start Time	Location	Finish Time	Location
Red	8.45	Playground	3.00	Playground
Orange	8.30	Playground	2.50	Playground
Yellow	8.40	Car Park	3.00	Car Park
Green	8.30	Playground	2.50	Playground
Blue	8.45	Car Park	3.00	Playground
Indigo	8.35	Car Park	2.55	Car Park
Violet	8.45	Playground	3.05	Playground
Amethyst	8.35	Playground	2.55	Playground

Red Class have been studying books about buses and had a bus tour of the school site on Wednesday. They made their own tickets and had a lovely time. The driver was happy to oblige!

