

Newsletter Thursday 3rd December 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you to everybody that is continuing to adhere to our COVID-19 arrangements. It is **essential** that we **ALL** continue to follow the arrangements put in place so protect the children's continued attendance in school.

Please ensure that:

1. Face masks are worn on site, **at all times**, unless you have advised us of a medical reason exempting you from wearing one.
2. You adhere to 2m social distancing both inside and outside the school gates **at all times**.

Christmas Cards

Post boxes are available each Monday for children to post Christmas cards to their friends. Posting day will be **Mondays only** so that the cards can then be left for 72 hours before they are then distributed. Please ensure children address their cards using full names and class. Individual cards should not be given out.

End of term Party

Please see our separate letter about end of term parties and end of term arrangements. Party tickets must be purchased by **midday on Monday 7th December 2020**.

Raffle

We have some fantastic prizes for our end of term raffle. Tickets are now on sale at 50p each, or 3 for £1.00. Prizes include two top of the range scooters, £250 voucher kindly donated by Rockley Adventure Park, a family pass for the New Forest Water Park, Lego, spyglasses, various games and an abundance of selection boxes. Tickets will be on sale until **Wednesday 16th December**.

Staff Changes

We sadly have to say goodbye to Mrs Price, Year 1, and Miss Beecher, Year 2, at the end of this term. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Brennan to Year 1 and Miss Dyer, who will start with us in January, in Year 2.

School Equipment

We are pleased to let you know that we have been able to purchase 55 tablets for the children to use. These have been purchased using funds raised from the school discos and from the PTA who kindly purchased 10 of them.

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Raring2go magazine

The winter edition has been produced digitally and can be accessed using the following link. The magazine contains details of Covid safe events, activities and crafts plus charity news from RSPB, Trussell Trust and Diverse Abilities as well as some fundraising ideas for the PTA.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bournemouth/winter/>

Reception Admissions

The deadline for applications to be submitted to apply for a Reception place in September 2021 is 15th January 2021. Applications can be made online at:

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreneducation/Schools/ApplyingForASchoolPlace.aspx>

If you have any enquiries in relation to Admissions please contact Bournemouth Borough Council directly on 01202 456223.

As we are currently unable to offer tours of the school, we have put together a video and would be pleased if you would pass this on to any friends or family who are considering applying for a place with us. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCiX1Ffz3pA>

End of term

School will close at midday on Friday 18th December 2020.

If your child usually leaves at:	2.30 pm they will leave at 11.00 am
	2.40 pm they will leave at 11.10 am
	2.50 pm they will leave at 11.20 am
	3.00 pm they will leave at 11.30 am
	3.10 pm they will leave at 11.40 am
	3.20 pm they will leave at 11.50 am

Kind regards,

Mrs Fish
Principal

Important Dates for the Diary:

Autumn Term

Inset Day	Friday 4 th December 2020
Deadline for purchasing End of term Party tickets	Monday 7 th December 2020
End of term party	Thursday 10 th December 2020
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 11 th December 2020
Virtual Christmas performance recording	Monday 14 th December 2020
Deadline for purchasing raffle tickets	Wednesday 16 th December 2020
Pupil's last day	Friday 18 th December 2020 (see times above)
Return to school	Tuesday 5 th January 2021

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