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Covid update

Thankfully we have had no subsequent cases this week- either in the closed classes or elsewhere. Those affected had mild symptoms and are fully recovered. So it's back to 'normal' on Monday! Well done Year 1 and Year 3 - we can't wait to see you!

Events in school next week, 23rd - 27th November:

Monday 23rd

The Anne Frank Trust are in school talking to Years 5 and 6. Using Anne Frank's life as a starting point, the workshop examines the dangers of prejudice and discrimination both from a historical perspective, and in the modern world.

Tuesday 24th

Hermes week 10 for Year 6. The lamps are taking shape - this week is the insertion of the light and plug!

Wednesday 25th

6pm Full Governing Body meeting.

EP virtual Christmas Festivities!!

Oh no - there is some delay due to technical changes on the site as we have asked them to make our life easier and allow us to insert hyperlinks etc...we will send a text when it is live. Meanwhile, some instructions, as the key to taking part is successfully understanding both ordering and collecting.

Many items - all edible items and festive face masks are being **MADE TO ORDER** to be **COLLECTED** on Friday 4th December at a designated spot on Oakford Rd!

If you are guessing sweets in a jar, weight of a cake, nominating a teacher to dress up, you must add your guess/nomination in MESSAGES as you check out on the website!

The KATE GATE page takes you to a crowd-funding page. Our target is £10,000. The site is being shared through alumni - please spread the word and the link!

So what's in store??

- You will be able to PRE-ORDER handmade cakes, gingerbread, brownies, festive face masks, NW5 bags and copies of EP Cookie recipes for collection;
- Would you like to see a teacher dressed up as an elf or a fairy for the day? The top 3 will do so in the last week of term. Vote on the site!
- You will be able to order a Treasure Map for a local festive hunt! It's wonderful!
- Place your bets on the traditional 'how many sweets in the jar' and 'how much does the Christmas Cake weigh'. Closest guess wins it!
- Check out our luxury hampers - always a fantastic bargain - and place a bid. They were created yesterday and are the best EVER!
- We also have limited edition Harry Potter bags of goodies - to go to the highest bidders!
- This will be a portal for Christmas tree orders too.
- You can contribute to our new gates on Raveley Street.

Raffle tickets

Coming home today with every child (Year 1 and 3 on Monday) will be a book of raffle tickets.

Price is £1 a strip and prizes include an amazing hamper, £50 voucher, £25 cash and Instax camera!

To enter the raffle:

1. Complete a stub for every ticket purchased
2. Tear off stub(s) and retain the illustrated ticket
3. Put stub(s) with payment into a sealed envelope
4. Post envelope into the raffle entry box in the school entrance.

Just ring/email the office to ask for more tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn at 5pm on Friday 4 December.

PTA Facebook selling page

The PTA are launching an EP Facebook online selling page to sell Christmas goodies including 'good as new' toys, homemade crafts and many special items donated by our wonderful community. Join up at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/284865789545322/?ref=share>

Christmas trees

Buy a fabulous Christmas tree from a sustainable source, with all profits going to the school! These are usually wonderful quality trees and much cheaper than at local suppliers. Order through the EP App-

1. On the App Home screen touch the 3 horizontal lines on the top left;
2. Select 'Forms';
3. Select 'Christmas Trees 2020' then complete and submit form (takes 2 mins!)
4. Make payment at usual [Scopay Internet Payment site](#) - the price will show as £0. You need to enter the price of your chosen tree, add to basket and pay.

Deadline to order is Wednesday 25 November and collection Friday 4 December from school.

- 3-4ft (100/125cm) for £25
- 5-6ft (150/175cm) for £35
- 6-7ft (175/200cm) for £45
- 7-8ft (200/250cm) for £55

Managing screen-time

We are aware that inevitably we are all staring at screens more - be that work, remote learning or an evening of TV! It is so important to be vigilant about online safety and ensure we know all the ways to safeguard our children.

We are delighted that IT safety consultant Mary Rebelo is able to lead an Online Safety session for parents on Thursday 3rd December from 10-11am. If more than 10 parents attend - virtually - we get it free!! There is no upper limit. Please enrol via the link below. Easier to access via our app <https://www.webenrol.com/camden/?searchKey=DCLC11A20&page=search>

This year's end of term events

We will share a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15th December. Regretfully we cannot offer our traditional 'live' performances and events. The guidance is clear and the example for permissible festive activity is as follows:

"A quietly sung no-audience outdoor rendering by a single bubble, of Silent Night, socially distanced in the playground, would include most of the mitigations and is not likely to be riskier than break-time"

I think even I am defeated by this. There will be more Christmases - and other festivals - but I think this year we have to accept the differences in school. Fear not - we will make sure each class bubble has a lovely celebration and a day of in-class festive fun. We have our ingenious Virtual Fair too thanks to you, our brilliant parents. Look out as well for a performance of the unmissable EP 12 days of Christmas!!!

Apologies to Year 5 parents but we can't have a live audience for their performance of The Tempest. We have commissioned a professionally made film that can be watched by all the classes and repeatedly by you at home.

Lunchtime cleaner needed

We have lost our lunchtime cleaner, needed now more than ever. If anyone would be interested in this 2 hours 'in the middle of the day' role primarily focussed on the children's toilets, please contact Vicky.

Newsletter border designs

Thank you to Benji Mbenzu in Year 2 for this week's border design

This week in Assembly

As well as getting the children involved in today's headteacher recruitment process, and excited about the Virtual Fair, we learnt about the East India Company and the growth of the British Empire. And tomorrow? Primary Maths Challenge results!

With best wishes, Kate Frood and staff