



Christmas Newsletter

What a term!

We would like to thank each and every one of you for working with us in order to be able to keep the school and our bubbles open. We know that sacrifices have been made and for this we are truly grateful. Your children light up our school every day with their joy, laughter and passion for learning – they are truly a pleasure to teach! I must personally thank the amazing team here in school. The spirit amongst the staff has been incredible - they have ebbed and flowed their way through the never ending changes to Government guidance to ensure that your child/ren remain safe and have a quality education. Special thanks must also go to Mrs Elliott (Wendy) who has kept us sloshing around in anti-bac!

CRew Club

Tina and Lorraine have already become valued members of our team. It's great to see children racing across the playground at the end of the school day eager to go 'to club.' We are delighted with how well it has taken off. Even though we have had a second lockdown, our numbers remain consistent so... thank you, thank you, thank you! Tina and Lorraine will continue to put on special events so even though your child/ren are unable to do such things as go to the cinema they can enjoy a movie night here. We would also like to thank you for your donations of games etc. – please feel free to keep them coming.

Our plans for CRew Club in 2021 are to offer holiday clubs – Covid willing.

The one area that we would value further support is with our breakfast club. We do have children who attend regularly however additional uptake would be gratefully received. So if you have an 8.00a.m. Teams meeting, please remember that we are here. If you have already registered your child/ren, just bring them to the gate at 7.45a.m. Tina and Lorraine will do the rest including giving your child/ren breakfast. However, if this time is inconvenient Tina and Lorraine can be contacted on the CRew Club Mobile (0781 042106) and will happy to meet you and your child/ren at the drive gate at a time to suit you. 😊

New entrance & improved library

A few weeks ago we showed you photographs of our newly decorated reception classroom and said that our reception area was also due to have a makeover. Every member of staff has been involved in designing the wall wraps and Mr Cope was overjoyed when his idea for a book theme to enhance the library area won the day. Whoops of joy could be heard as the children walked through spotting their favourite characters and books.



Supporting the local community

We have recently been contacted by a lady in Redmile who highlighted to us, that Mrs Mason, an elderly member of our community would appreciate and benefit from being contacted by the school. Mrs Staveley worked with class 3 to produce an advent calendar which was delivered to her door on the 1st December. The children have received a lovely card to thank them for their generosity and kindness.



New Arrival and Departure Times

Starting week commencing 4th January 2021 we would like to revise the arrival and departure times in order that our school day further reflects the timings pre C-19. Our children are now well versed with the routines of the day; our youngest children have all adapted to school life and there are no hand washing bottle necks within school. Therefore, please note that from week commencing 4th January '21 the gate will be closed at 8.50 a.m. and 3.20 p.m.

Arrival & Departure Timetable Week commencing 4 th January 2021			
	Reception & Year 1.2 Mrs Owens	Year 3.4 Miss Gull	Year 5.6 Mr Cope
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Arrival	8.50 a.m.	8.45 a.m.	8.40 a.m.
Home time	3.10 p.m.	3.15 p.m.	3.20 p.m.

Beyond Bullying Award

We are proud to announce that we have achieved the highest level for the Beyond Bullying Award - GOLD! Huge congratulations to staff, especially Mrs Owens who took on the responsibility for achieving this award; governors who have worked hard on the project, and to our amazing children who are our shining golden stars.



STEM Science – Miss Gull

For those of you that don't know ... Miss Gull is passionate about science! She has recently spent 2 days on a STEM Course ran by The University of York. During the course, she looked at the delivery

of scientific awe and wonder; ensuring children understand real-life contexts behind science and building a STEM approach to teaching. Miss Gull will not only be cascading her learning to our team but also to the other schools in Mrs Hopkins cluster. This will enable us to further deliver engaging science lessons to your children and inspire them to become young scientists.

Santa's Grotto

If you are struggling to find a Covid safe grotto to visit, I am told that Belvoir Castle has one. Please check their website for information.

2021 – Plan of Action

In the spring term Mr Stuart Risk will start his teacher training. He is already known to the school as he is currently doing voluntary work. Mr Cope will mentor him and the children know that they need to be on their best behavior at all times as he used to be a policeman.

Spring Project – Quiet area in the playground

Now that we have redecorated the reception classroom and entrance, our attention will turn to the outside quiet area that is on the left hand side of the hall. The Governors are keen to be involved with this project and Alex Wright will lead it. Funds raised from this year's mini Viking challenge will be used to help finance this project.

2021 sees the 150th anniversary of our school. We intend to mark this and hope that by the summer we will be able to come together as a community and celebrate! Further information will be sent out next year as our plans take shape.

Sports Club

We are pleased to be able to invite our Reception children to sports club when we return in January. Details on how you can book your child into this club will be on Seesaw next week.

Next week is our final week and we will continue with our Xmas festivities including Christmas dinner, party, nativity and panto. Photos and videos of your children will be available on Seesaw. Please note that we will remain open on Friday 18th December and sports and CReW Club will continue as usual. School re-opens on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

It now only leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Stay Safe

Alison Longden and The Redmile Team