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## Horspath C of E School Newsletter 27th November 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Christmas may be different this year but it's by no means cancelled at Horspath School. Read on for the week's notices and for information about some of our Christmas activities.

### Star Workers and Values Champions

We awarded Star Worker and Values Champion certificates last week. Please see the names and the photographs below.



Acorn: Olivia and Alex



Beech: Jake and Seb



Lime: Amelia and Bertie



Oak: Max and Paige



Willow: Mili and Daniel





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### **Warm clothing for winter**

In order to reduce the spread of the Covid virus we are opening doors and windows more frequently than we would normally do at this time of year. Please make sure your child is well wrapped up and has on some extra layers as classrooms can get cold.

### **TikTok**

We have had a report that previously banned, inappropriate material with violent content is resurfacing on TikTok. Please be vigilant around what your child is accessing; even if they do not have TikTok they can still have content shared with them via another app. I have attached a TikTok parent leaflet with more information.

### **Covid-safe Christmas cards**

We will still have our Christmas card post box this year but we will be doing it slightly indifferently in order to stay Covid-safe. All cards will need to be posted **by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. They will then be left over the weekend and all cards will be delivered in the last week of term. Please help us by making sure all cards have names and classes written clearly and please avoid licking cards to seal them.

### **Children In Need**

It was lovely to see all the children coming to school in their rainbow colours on Children In Need day. We raised a total of £139.

### **Christmas dinner**

Our school Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If your child does NOT usually have school dinners but would like one on 16<sup>th</sup>, please email the school office at any time before 13<sup>th</sup> December stating any dietary needs. For those not entitled to free lunches, the cost is £2.30 and payment can be made the usual way via ParentMail. Please see the menu attached.

### **Christmas performance**

Classes are working hard to put together a Christmas performance video which will include songs from each class and a virtual Nativity from Acorn. We hope to have it ready by the beginning of the last week of term, when we will play it to the children and send you the link.

### **Live-screen panto**

This year for obvious reasons we are unable to celebrate Christmas in the usual way with a visit to the pantomime. So this year the panto is coming to us! This will take the form of a live-streamed performance of *Peter Pan* by the Barn Theatre. This hour-long production will be on the afternoon of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be watching the event in their separate 'bubbles'. The PTA have very kindly offered to fund this event.

### **PTA update**

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Bag2School collection. It raised £171, making it our most successful collection to date. We plan to have collections twice a year so please keep aside any unwanted clothing/linen/soft toys ready for our next collection!

Thank you also for helping us raise £130 with the Christmas cards, which will be sent out with your children today.





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There are lots of fundraising activities taking place in the run up to Christmas including the Christmas Story Night (7<sup>th</sup> Dec) and Festive Online Quiz (11<sup>th</sup> December – details of how to enter on the posters in the playground). If your child would like to attend the Christmas Story Night, please send their name with payment (£3/child) into the office ASAP so we can add them to the list. Raffle tickets were also sent home this week and this will be drawn on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The popular [2021](#) calendars featuring photos of the children will also be on sale next month...more details to follow.

Finally, don't forget that there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December in return for donations of prizes that could be used for the Christmas raffle – bottles (please can adults drop them off if they are alcoholic ones!), festive hamper items, vouchers, offers of cake baking/haircuts etc..all would be much appreciated!

### Social distancing

Just a reminder that everyone should leave the school site as soon as possible at the end of the day in order to help with social distancing.

### Family Talk Homework

Last week was anti-bullying week so today's FTH activities remind us about kindness.

### Dates for your diary

Non-uniform day (raffle donations)	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
PTA Christmas Story Night	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December @ 5-5.30pm
PTA Christmas quiz (online)	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm
<i>Peter Pan</i> (live-streamed)	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm
Christmas dinner	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
End of term	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December @1.30pm
Beginning of spring term	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

Best wishes

Stay alert, stay safe but most of all stay blessed.

Mrs Rachel Medley

