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10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are now in the period of Advent, in the Christian calendar, one of my recorded assemblies focussed on **the four candles of the advent ring**. Did you know they all have their own meaning? The first is **Peace**, the second is **Faith**, the third is **Love** and the fourth is **Hope**.

This time last year, I reported over 30 separate activities that had taken place. From Choir events to sports fixtures; we normally have an extremely busy autumn schedule. Unfortunately, this year there is very little to report. But, we now have the end in sight and the sooner we can get back to normal the better! I have included at the end of my letter some key dates for next year. **Hopefully**, we'll be able to fulfil many of them in person.



**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**Children (and staff) may wear a festive jumper with their school uniform** for a donation of no less than 50p, to raise money for **Save the Children**. The jumper can be either shop-bought or homemade – no onesies please. We will collect donations using a yellow donation 'bucket' at the front gates.

**Don't forget – WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> is also our Christmas dinner day!**

#### **PTA**

The work of the committee continues and you will have received information about an 'online event/party' being run and organised by each year group and the parents. My huge thanks to those volunteers who have put their names forward. I hope you all have lots of fun!

#### **Learning at home**

If your child is unable to attend school because they are **self-isolating**, the class teacher will provide work for them to do at home so that they do not miss out on their learning. This work will be provided through Microsoft Teams using the login provided earlier in the year. If you are unsure how to access Teams, please contact the school office via email and we will provide guidance.

All schools are required to provide home learning for those children who are having to **self-isolate**. We are also expected to check that children are accessing the work set for home learning. Therefore, we ask that you contact us daily to let us know how your child has got on with their learning, either by email, through a Teams conversation or by submitting completed assignments. If your child is not at school because they are **unwell** there is no expectation for the school to set home learning. If you have any questions about home learning, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

## Road Safety

There are several online programmes available and something that could be done during these darker evenings that could improve our children's road safety skills and knowledge. A life skill, I think!

**Road Rangers** (a pedestrian programme for parents and Year R, Y1 & Yr2) <http://theroadrangers.co.uk/login/>

**Safer Steps** (a pedestrian programme for Year 3 & 4) Safer Steps <http://safersteps.co.uk/login/>

Both websites use the same username and password below:

Username: Westberkshire

Password Saf3rst3ps201920

## Christmas Cards

Please remember that the deadline for children to bring in their cards is tomorrow - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. They will be given out on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## Non-school uniform FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December

I am pleased to be able to announce that our final day of term will be a **non-school uniform day!** We will also finish after lunchtime and stagger the end. Please see the table below:

<b>FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Parents/carers enter school from:</b>	<b>Doors open to let children out:</b>
Year 5 and Year 6	1.25pm	1.30pm
Year 3 and Year 4	1.30pm	1.35pm
Rainbow class, Year 1 and Year 2	1.35pm	1.40pm

## Finally, a special mention for:

- **Ethan T-D** (Y2), **Alfie C** (Y4) and **Louisa G** (Y5) for their 'lockdown' awards from the West Berkshire Maths Hub.
- **Ben C** in Year 4 who raised over £400 for Children in Need with the help of several other children and their parents. Well done!

On behalf of all the staff, children and Governors, I wish you a very peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The first day of next term is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. P. Thorne,  
Headteacher



## IMPORTANT DATES 2020-21



### Term dates

#### **Spring 2021**

Term 3 Tuesday 5th January 2021 – Friday 12th February 2021

*Holiday Monday 15th February 2021 – Friday 19th February 2021*

Term 4 Monday 22nd February 2021 – Wednesday 31st March 2021

*Holiday Thursday 1st April 2021 – Friday 16th April 2021*

#### **Summer 2021**

Term 5 Monday 19th April 2021 – Friday 28th May 2021

*Holiday Tuesday 1st June 2021 – Friday 4th June 2021*

Term 6 Monday 7th June 2021 – Tuesday 20th July 2021

Phonics for parents-Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 6.00pm

Scoot, walk or ride weeks -1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Parents' Meetings -Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (INSET day – no school for children)

### Parents' Forum

- Spring Term – Wednesday 10<sup>h</sup> February 2021 7.30pm
- Summer Term – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 7.30pm

### KS2 (Y6) Statutory Assessments

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Reading)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Maths 1 and 2)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Maths 3)

Phonics screening for Year 1 - From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Transition evening – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021, from 5.30pm

Year 5 – Wokingham Waterside - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

New to Foundation Stage meeting - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 6.00pm

Sports Day -Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Infants am, Juniors pm (Reserve day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May)

Year 6 PGL - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Transition week/Class swap – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (For Year 6 moving to Year 7 and all classes in school)

Leavers' awards evening- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 6.30pm