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FIRST SCHOOL

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 98.7%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -98.5%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 98.7%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 100.0%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 99.2%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 99.0%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 96.3%

 Well Done Jellyfish!

STARS OF THE

WEEK

Parker Hall
Alfie Purvis
Kacey Crook
Olly Nelson
Kayden Montgomery
Will Douglas

Alec Douglas

COVID-19 LATEST

Last weekend we found out that, unfortunately, another of our children had tested positive for Covid-19 after developing some very mild symptoms on Thursday morning. The child's parents made the correct decision in not sending them to school, household isolatied and arranged a test. Unfortunately with Covid-19 cases they can be infectious 2 days prior to actually getting any symptoms and in some positive cases there may be no symptoms showing at all. This meant that we have had to close our Nursery until Thursday 19th November as the staff and other children in the class have been deemed 'close contacts'. Unless they develop symptoms themselves, other members of the close contacts' household, are not required to self-isolate. Pleasingly, we have had no further positive cases reported to us. It is important that if your child displays symptoms of Covid-19 they are not brought to school, and a test is booked. It is also important to let us know the situation and let us know the outcome of the test as soon as you receive them.

Infection rates continue to be high in our area so we'd like to thank parents for supporting good social distancing at pick up and drop off times and wearing face coverings when possible. Over the last week these times of the school day seem to have run very smoothly indeed. We have to hope now that this week's news of a possible vaccine being available soon proves accurate!

WARM CLOTHES IN SCHOOL

Covid-19 guidance requires us to ensure very good ventilation around school. This means that there are many more doors and windows open around school at different times of the school day. As colder weather creeps up on us this means that classrooms may be a little colder than we would like. We recommend that children perhaps wear a vest or additional plain T-shirt under their school uniforms if they are complaining of getting a little cold. We also ask that parents ensure that children come to school each day with a warm coat. Although we are very lucky to be situated so close to the sea, the weather can change very quickly!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Although we were not able to have a whole school silence together for Remembrance Day on Wednesday, each class spent a little time together discussing the meaning of the day before observing their own class silence. Unfortunately our delivery of poppies this year was not possible due to our supplier needing to isolate.



SCHOOL LOTTERY WINNER

Our winner last week was Beky Skinner. Thanks to Beky who so kindly donated her winnings back to our PTA.

You can still get tickets at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising for Children in Need. We raised:

£405.62



2020/21 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 1st December	KS2 children working with Drywater Arts Centre— Window Silhouettes
Weds 2nd December	Children making Christingles in classes— online assembly with Rev John
Monday 7th December	3pm-5pm Year 1 Xmas Movie Night
Tuesday 8th December	3pm-5pm Year 3 Xmas Movie Night
Weds 9th December	3pm-5pm Year 2 Xmas Movie Night
Thursday 10th December	3pm-5pm Year 4 Xmas Movie Night
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party Day—Party Clothes
Friday 18th December	School Closes for Christmas 2pm and 2.10pm timeslots
Tues 5th January 2021	School reopens for Spring Term
Monday 19th April	Rescheduled Y4 residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre

CHRISTMAS PLANS PTA Letters to Santa

As Santa can't be with us in school this year our PTA are giving each child the chance to receive a personalised letter straight from the North Pole. For £2.50 you can purchase a letter writing kit which will contain a letter template, envelope, Christmas pencil and some chocolate coins. When children return their letter to Santa and post it in our PTA postbox, within a few days they will receive their very own personal reply and a few extra treats. If you wish to take part then please send £2.50

into school (an envelope has been sent home with each child today). Once we receive your payment, we will send a pack home with your child, once your letter is returned your child can look forward to a reply from the North Pole within a few days! We hope you can support this latest fundraising

effort.



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