

Parent update Wednesday 19th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sorry there was no newsletter last week. As you will know via the media and possibly via your children there is a nationwide shortage of staff for schools and this is affecting our school too. Our dedicated staff are working their socks off to keep things as normal as possible for the children, with many of our team undertaking much more than their usual role each day. The children are helping with their (generally) good behaviour and positive attitude. Thank you to all of you too for your support and understanding during this time.

Story Writing Competition - At the end of last term we had a Christmas writing competition in KS2. The stories were judged by our school council. Here is a list of those who were shortlisted in each year group, with the winners highlighted in red.

Y3 **Eli, Grace**, Faith, Janelle, Denzel

Y4 Ava M, **Emily, Parker** Timothy, Sofia H, India

Y5 **Alex**, Hezekiah, **Kindness**

Y6 Sukai, **Faye**, Harry D, Ruth, **Ady**

Payments to school. Please may I remind you that payments for school dinners, breakfast club and afterschool club should be made in advance. Staff will be ringing and emailing to chase up any overdue amounts, please don't take this personally – we need to pay our bills and staff!

IDL club - is running again each week. Tuesday and Thursday for Y3&4 and Wednesday and Friday for Y5&6. If your child has been invited to take part, please send them, it is a very worthwhile intervention.

Afterschool Activities - Thank you to all the staff involved in providing the new afterschool activities. The children are really enjoying them, it is great to be able to offer these again. Thank you to our parents for collecting the children on time after these clubs – it is very important for the children and staff at the end of a long day.

Uniform reminder – after a very smart start of term, we are seeing some slippage in standards of uniform. Please see our policy here and be mindful that the only permitted jewellery is a plain stud earring which must be removed for PE. Hair accessories should be red or black, with bows no bigger than 5cm (save your jojo bows for non uniform days). The children should be wearing shoes, not trainers or boots (no sports logos). Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish news - Congratulations to all the children who have made their First Holy Communion recently on 27th November or last Saturday 15th January. Both beautiful occasions. Our new parish priest Father Emmanuel is going to be visiting school regularly, which is great news.

As always, please phone the office if you have any queries and thank you for your cooperation in what really feels like a friendly and supportive school community.
With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson