

Parent update 20.11.2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. School life is busy and your support with reading, homework and our Covid measures is very much appreciated. Thank you for your donations to our Lalley Centre appeal, we have received 215 items so far towards our target of 1000.....keep them coming please.

### **Behaviour Policy**

The behaviour in our school is generally very good. Our policies are clear, the children know what is expected and what will take place if they make the wrong choices. Staff are very fair in their investigations of incidents and children take ownership of what they have done. All this is done in a calm, respectful and supportive manner. School then sends text messages to parents to make them aware. We are, unfortunately, having an increasing number of parents making phonecalls to school following behaviour incidents, challenging staff on why their child is in reflection and another child isn't. I would ask you, respectfully, to refrain from doing this. Corrections of children's behaviour cannot be discussed with another parent. If your child says they've had a consequence and another child hasn't it is quite often because the conversation has taken place without their knowledge. Children may be upset if they have made a wrong choice and it is natural that they repeat the situation to you showing themselves in the best possible light. Please be assured that all our staff are fair and kind.

### **Christmas**

Christmas Decorations – last year the children made items to decorate the school during advent. This year we can't do this so we would like each child to bring in a decoration from home that you don't want. (Or more than one if you are buying new ones). They can be put in the Lalley Centre box which will be out each morning. Please note – due to having to quarantine items we would like donations of Christmas decorations/baubles before next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Christmas lunch will take place on different days for each class, it will be followed by party games / disco in the hall. The children may wear their party clothes for the day (but sensible shoes please). If your child is on packed lunch but would like a Christmas Dinner, please pay via SIMS pay. **Please pay any dinner money arrears before booking a Christmas dinner.**

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Santa Dash – We will be hosting a sponsored Santa Dash in school on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Fancy dress or hat and trainers. More details will be sent via email.
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & Y1 lunch Christmas lunch
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 lunch
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 lunch
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 lunch

	Christmas Jumper day - everyone	
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 lunch	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 lunch	
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	Panto Y1, 2, 3	A voluntary contribution of £2 per child would be very much welcomed.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Panto Y4, 5, 6	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Finish 1.30pm – no afterschool club.	

**Christmas Cards** – If the children wish to write Christmas cards for their friends. We will put boxes at the front and back door of the school for Christmas cards (once we have finished the Lallely Centre Food bank appeal). Christmas cards need to be brought to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. These will then be quarantined – sorted – and then quarantined again ready for children to take home on the last day of the school term. School closes on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm**

**Nativity trail** – Thank you to those who have volunteered to have their homes on our Nativity trail map....we need a few more to make this a success. Please email us with the subject header “Nativity Trail” to let us know if you would like to take part or if you are willing to put a letter in your window.

You may read in the media this weekend that some schools plan to close during the last week of term to all but vulnerable and key worker children, in order to facilitate the government’s directive of “reducing contacts” in the run up to Christmas. Please be assured we will not be doing this unless directed to by the local authority, (which I believe is unlikely).

Thank you for your support, keeping our school open throughout this time is proof of how well our community can work together to keep us all safe and well.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson