

# Weekly Newsletter



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Laynie, Leo K. Arham, Julia P, Tiemoko (YR), Panashe, Ezekiel (Y2), Skye, Kyle (Y3) and Ndey (Y6), who have all received Headteacher Awards this week.

**House Points:** This week's winner is Mowlam.

Godiva		Herbert		Moorcroft		Mowlam	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
22	38	14	29	15	35	25	44

**COVID-19:** Unfortunately, one member of the Year 6 staff tested positive very early this morning. We have followed the guidance and asked for the staff and pupils from Year 6 to self-isolate. When our KS1 children were out last week no children tested positive and we are hopeful that this will be the same for our Year 6s. We are confident that the arrangements we have in place will mean that this doesn't affect any other year groups. This case is completely unrelated to the ones in KS1 at half term.

If your child or anyone else in your household has COVID-19 symptoms they must not come to school. You should arrange a test through the online portal or call 119. Household members must self-isolate for 14 days unless the test result is negative. If the result is negative they can stop self-isolating.

**Remembrance:** In order to show our support for this important annual event, we all observed two minute's silence in our classes on Wednesday to remember and reflect upon heroes who have lost their lives, as a result of war or combat.

**Children in Need:** Today, our children showed their support for the annual Children in Need event by coming to school in their pyjamas, or wearing yellow, in exchange for a donation 50p. The staff took part in the annual Children in Need Duck Race - the winners were Miss Lynch and Mrs Marchenko, who both chose Quackman and Bobbin' as their lucky duck! Thanks to everyone who has supported this great cause today - we will let you know how much we managed to raise in a future newsletter.

**Anti-Bullying Week:** Next week is anti-bullying week and we would like to invite the children to come in to school on Monday wearing odd socks. This is to remind us all that diversity in the community and wider world is a good thing - we want to celebrate that it is good to be different! Classes will be taking part in various activities to raise their awareness of anti-bullying and what they should do if they feel that they are being bullied, or if they see someone else being bullied.

**Families for Life:** We have been notified of a free group workshop opportunity for parents in the local area, which could cover some/all of the following aspects:

- Mental Wellness and COVID-19

- Caring for Others and Yourself
- Emotional Stress and Trauma
- Identity, Belonging, and Integration
- Keeping children safe online

The workshops would be delivered by an accredited counsellor who has a wealth of experience in supporting families through difficult life experiences. If you feel that this is something that you could benefit from, then please contact Jaime McIlroy via the school office.

**Pause for Thought:** Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it. – Charles R. Swindoll  
Are you positive about the things that happen to you?

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas break
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	-	children return to school
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	-	half term break
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	-	children return to school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	-	Easter break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	-	children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	-	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	-	half term break
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	-	children return to school
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Last day of term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	-	Teacher training days (children are not to attend school)

Yours sincerely,  
Alasdair Black  
Headteacher



#### Attendance for last week:

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Current school attendance: 94.4%

Last week's attendance was 93%

The class with the best attendance last week was 3DW with 95.8%

