



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 14

Dear All

I hope you are all well and for those of you who have been poorly, are now on the road to recovery. Thank you so much for the kind words you have sent in, in support of the school, it certainly wasn't an easy decision to make. The children have been working hard on their remote learning and have also been enjoying some festivities.... more will follow next week!

I have been particularly impressed with the enthusiasm when they have been participating during their Zoom meetings and sharing their additional learning. It is so important that we try and keep them interacting. I was delighted to be sent these two paintings by Isabella in Year6. She has been taking additional art classes and I am sure you will agree— they are amazing!



Reception have been amazing with their acting skills—they have been learning the story of the Nativity and have acted it out with puppets, nativity sets, toys and carrots!!! -as well as involving the whole family with a real baby playing the part of baby Jesus! Ingenious. I hope the children enjoyed reading the story of the Nutcracker in Assembly which was sent out today too via classes. It is one of my favourite stories of all time.

Today, I had a Zoom call with Claire Coutinho, our local MP! She was meant to be coming in to school to meet the children and see their lovely new adventure playground this morning so we have scheduled a new date in the Spring term.

Stay safe

Mrs Mace

Don't forget to track Santa at: <https://santatracker.google.com/>

Dick Whittington pantomime will be free to watch on you tube from 23-27th December
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/dick-whittington>

Please click on the link below for guidance on the tiktok app

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-family-pairing-feature/>



All adults MUST wear a mask on School premises, unless exempt.



Hello from Acorns,

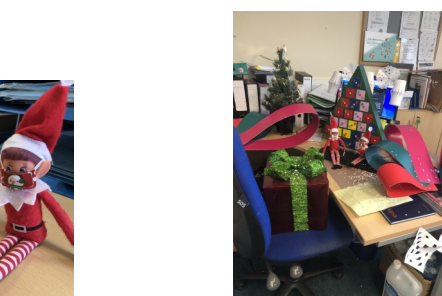
Hope you're well! We have had a very busy week! The children have had lots of fun. We have enjoyed sensory play with fake snow, making igloos and moulding. Vivienne has been very busy transforming our home corner into Santa's workshop; which all the children have really enjoyed and we have been enjoying Christmas music and Christmas singing. All of the children are looking forward to bringing home all of their Christmas crafts and surprises next week. We have been very busy and the Nursery has been sparkling with glitter all week! We are looking forward to our Christmas jumper day and have a lovely week planned next week with a party, games and fun activities; including a very special treasure hunt. We look forward to sharing these with you.



In a Nutsh-elf



Our elves have started this week being very messy. With no children at the school, the elves think it is funny running around creating mischief! They are very good at using their **santatizer** for keeping their hands clean! After the fog lifted, the elves went out and had a play on the adventure playground, they had fun helping Mrs Smith move some things and then they sat on the Buddy Bench waiting for all the children to come back to school. To get them back into school, we had a quiet games afternoon. The naughty elves decided to do some Christmas decorating of their own, in the office.....



Coming up next week....

Friday 18th December 2020 —Last day of term

Tuesday 5th January 2021—Start of Spring term

Class	Class Teacher	GATE TO USE	Drop off time	Place	Collection time
Inkpen	Mrs Jordan	OUT MAIN AND ROUND THE BACK BY FIELD	8.30am	Classroom door	2.40pm
Butterworth	Miss Hancox	OUT MAIN AND ROUND THE BACK BY FIELD	8.30am	Classroom door– thank you for adhering to social distancing guidelines heading around the pathway	2.40pm
Donaldson	Miss Bishop & Mrs Johnson	BY WEMBLEY	8.40am	Classroom door	2.55pm
Murphy	Mrs Knolles	MAIN ROUND THE BACK OF THE CAR PARK adhering to social distancing guidelines	8.35am	Ocean club door (opposite main office door)	2.50pm
McKee	Mrs Mellis & Mrs Bates	MAIN ROUND THE BACK OF THE CAR PARK adhering to social distancing guidelines	8.40am	Rear Classroom door	2.55pm
Kinney	Mr Boffa & Miss Marshall	MAIN	8.30am until 8.45am	Rear classroom door	3.00pm
Rowling	Miss Lambert	BY WEMBLEY	8.30am until 8.35am	Year 4 library door	2.55pm
Rosen	Miss Keresey	BY WEMBLEY	8.35am until 8.40am	Year 4 library door	3.00pm
Walliams	Mr Richards	MAIN	8.35am until 8.40am	Year 5 door	3.00pm
Rundell	Miss Caires	MAIN	8.30am until 8.35am	Year 5 door	2.55pm
Morpurgo	Mr Brown	MAIN	8.35am until 8.45am	Classroom door	3.05pm
Pullman	Miss Chatfield	MAIN	8.35am until 8.45am	Year 6 slope	3.05pm

Please can we remind you to ensure you drop your children off at the correct times for their class.

When collecting, the children are still learning, please keep mobile phone calls to a minimum outside the classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation.

Letters that have come out this week

- Remote learning for remainder of term.

Attendance:

As the majority of the school are now remote learning, attendance figures will now be updated in the New Year.

COVID testing

If anyone in your household shows COVID symptoms, the household must isolate until the results of the test are known. The person who has tested positive, has a 10 day isolation period.

Self-isolate for 14 days if someone you live with:

- has symptoms of coronavirus and tested positive or did not have a test
- tested positive but has not had symptoms

This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

The 14 days starts from:

- when the first person in your home started having symptoms
- the day they were tested, if they have not had symptoms – if they get symptoms after they were tested, self-isolate for a further 14 days from when their symptoms start

When to stop self-isolating

You can stop self-isolating after 14 days if you do not get any symptoms.

Taken from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

Please use the link below for up to date guidance for parents

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20)

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Jolly**—happy & smiley

(KS2 lower) **Jovial**— cheerful & friendly

(KS2 Upper) **Convivial**—cheerful & friendly