

# Autumn Term – Newsletter 3



## UPDATE

Families,

We have finally made it to December and what a few weeks it has been! The children are completing their Autumn term assessments with a smile and are achieving some incredible things.

As we move into the festive period we still have a lot going on. This time of year is going to be tricky for a lot of us so it is our job to make it as memorable for the children as we possibly can. There won't be the usual 'buzz' of our Nativities and Carol concerts, however we will be making an extra special effort to entertain the children.

The children will be taking part in our very own virtual carol concert, which will be available for all of you to view from the comfort of your own home. Our lovely PTA are organising a special festive hunt; festive arts and crafts; festive film afternoon and an online raffle! It is really hard for the school to raise monies at the moment so any support you can give will be much appreciated.

Our Christmas Lunch Day is on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. It is going to be a day of Festive Fun! Children will be able to come in non-school uniform with a festive twist; enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch and enjoy a festive film with snacks.

The last day of term will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. You will be able to collect your children between 13:00 and 13:30 (All Day Nursery children at 13:10). The pick-up will follow the usual system.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next couple of weeks. Thank you all so much for all of your support. You have been amazing and I cannot thank you enough.

Take care and keep safe.

Mr. Cope

## STAFFING UPDATE

Today we are saying 'Au Revoir' to Mr. Wyles. Mr. Wyles is leaving us to provide curriculum support in one of our local secondary schools. I hope you will join me in thanking Mr. Wyles for his contribution to the school and wish him all the very best in the future.

We are also losing our lunchtime controller Mrs. Smith and our Teaching Assistant in Reception, Mrs. Jones. Both ladies are leaving us to take on new ventures and again I would like to thank them both and wish them all the very best for the future!

## Children in Need!

Thank you all so much for your amazing contributions! We all had a fantastic day! The children took part in a Joe Wicks Challenge and looked amazing in their SPOTS. The children got up to all sorts and even had a special, Children in Need (virtual) celebration assembly – even Nana and Gramps dressed up! We raised a whopping £600. Thank you all so much. Amazing!



## Anti-bullying week

Anti-Bullying week was a real success. Bullying is VERY rare here at Wildridings and the children showed their understanding across the week. The children took part in a number of activities including: the BIG anti-bullying assembly; specific PSHE lessons; arts and crafts and the infamous ODD SOCK DAY. It is so important to raise awareness and educate people about the topic. A big thank you goes out to the team for all of their hard work and particularly to our school well-being team for organising such an enjoyable week.



## Lest We Forget

In amongst all of the fun this term we celebrated Remembrance Day. Gracie and Vinnie did a terrific job of narrating this year's assembly. And the Year 5's produced and performed some stunning poetry. Again, the children remembered through a lot of different mediums and shared their thoughts during our minutes silence. The years are going past very quickly and it is so important that our young people remember these key times, whether it be in the past or the present. Everyone, as always, showed respect on the day and wore their poppies with great pride! **We raised £313.37** from our sales, Well done to everyone and again, thank you!



You can watch the assembly by following this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Ggw0uOHh-g2sHU2O892YcnHORh3AmZr/view?usp=sharing>

## Harvest Collection

We worked closely this term with the LIONS. We collected well over 400 items on the day! A huge thank you goes out to Clare Dowling and her team who, not only helped organise it but also collected the food; boxed it all up and then distributed it. The local community really appreciate all of our efforts and it is nice that we are able to give a little bit back.

You are all SUPERSTARS!



## Year 6 Superstars -Home Learning



Year 6 have been working really hard both inside and outside of school! You can see by the standard of their Home Learning they are really enjoying the Christmas Carol. Some of the home learning is out of this world and I wish that I could showcase even more in the newsletter. Well done Year 6 and thank you Mr. Dodds and Miss. Hall for allowing me to share some of the children's fantastic efforts. Keep up the great work Year 6...well done!

## Thank you Morrisons!

**A HUGE thank you needs to go to Morrisons for their support this year. What a fantastic idea and well received by some of our families.**





## Forest Schools is a HIT!

Groups of lucky children have been taking part in a Forest School Style group over the last few weeks. The children are learning about the outdoors as well as developing key life skills. Tina who runs the groups has been really impressed with the children who are engaged and enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoying the sessions. They have been making outdoor art; checking out some of Wildridings' very own mini beasts; creating weather vanes and a whole lot more! Thank you to Tina for making it such a memorable experience for the children and we look forward to seeing what else they get up to.



## Maths Superstars

In February last year we launched the Mental Maths Challenge with Years 3 and 4. For each stage the children achieve they collect a certificate and badge. There are 16 stages in total ranging from number bonds, counting, times tables and finally mathematical language. Anupa, Smit and Siddhant are the first children in the school to have reached and passed stage 16. Well done on this amazing achievement and we look forward to seeing many more children reaching this level.



## House Captains



FINALLY we have our NEW House Captains and School Council for 2020 – 2021. Congratulations to: Daniel, Tilly, Divija, Hannah, Amalie, Harry, Louie and Gracie. The children had to go through a gruelling selection process and presented their values to the rest of their peers. I am looking forward to working with them over the coming months to drive forward their fantastic ideas.

## FESTIVITIES

PTA will be asking for a donation of £2.00 per child to cover the cost of all of the festivities.  
A ParentMail will follow.

Also, there will be the FESTIVE RAFFLE – sell / buy as many raffle tickets as you can. All monies raised will be split 50 / 50 with the school and the LIONS.

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Hunt

14<sup>th</sup> December – 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Arts and Crafts

16<sup>th</sup> December – Festive fun day! – Non- school uniform – FESTIVE THEME / Christmas Lunch and Festive Movie and Snacks.

18<sup>th</sup> December – Final day of school – usual pick up routine ... BUT ... collect between 13:00 and 13:30 please!

Keep your eyes peeled for the Virtual Carol Concert – it promises to be AMAZING!