



16th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly thank-you all for supporting school throughout this second national lockdown. We are all having to make significant changes in our approach to everyday life.

As we move forwards towards the end of term, there are many things in school that we will not be able to do in the 'traditional' way, but I hope that you can see that the way we marked **Children in Need** was different, but still successful. Thank-you for helping us on Friday to raise **£516.54**.

From next week 23rd November

- **Nursery** will bring home library books
- **Reception** will be bringing home reading books.
- Spellings with tricky words will be sent out for **Year 1**.
- Spellings will be sent out for **years 2-6**.

We had already booked **school photographs**, but as this falls during national lockdown this is now rescheduled for December 3rd and 4th. This year, due to restrictions in place, we are only able to have single photographs (none with siblings). Proofs will be sent out on Wednesday 9th December, and then will follow an online process.

Christmas arrangements

Last week we celebrated a new **school values** award for **kindness**. This week a new school values award will be given for **friendship**. We will be celebrating **creativity**, another of our school values in the final week of term. This will incorporate an alternative celebration as due to restrictions we are unable to do our usual nativities and carol concerts.

There will be no Christmas post box. **Christmas cards** just for your child's class can be sent in with reading books on Monday 7th December, and will be sent out on Thursday 10th December.

Instead of our usual Christmas Macmillan coffee morning, we will have a green mufti day with funds raised going to Macmillan charity fund on **Tuesday 1st December**.

Christmas gifts. Much as we would love as usual for staff to receive your kind Christmas gifts, this is not feasible with quarantining etc for 23 classes. (Cards may be sent in as above.) The HSA have kindly agreed to co-ordinate gifts so that a class would receive a Christmas gift, details will come out shortly.

On **Friday 11th December**, we will be having a festive mufti day as we are unable to have our traditional Christmas Fayre. Donations and funds raised will go to HSA.

Thank-you again for continuing to follow the guidance set out by the government in order to protect your children, your families and our school staff team and our families.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hannaway and Gig Mill team