



Chisenhale Chatter



27/11/20

Hello

We have had a very studious week in school. All classes have been working very hard when I have been around and about, and it was great to welcome Year 2 and the EYFS back. Unfortunately, due to a positive case notified to us late in the afternoon on Thursday, the Year 5 bubble have had to close for a further two weeks. The children are very disappointed as they were all ready to build a Viking ship, but will be fitting that in on their return.

I had some fantastic conversations with groups of children from every year group this week where I asked a number of questions about how they were feeling about school at the moment. They were very thoughtful about how they feel the changes such as bubbles and separate playtimes keep them safe, but a little sad not to be mixing with friends and family from other year groups. They were positive about their own resource packs, and seating arrangements, making new friends and finding learning easier, but missing the climbing frame! There was an overwhelming sense of being glad to be in school, 'I have never appreciated school so much' said one Year 6. And they were very reflective about kindness, although many gave examples about children not always being kind, others talked of the kindness they are shown daily. One Year 5 child talked of friendship, 'Friends build up with friendship and love and kindness.'

Have a lovely weekend.

Sharon, Headteacher

Upcoming events

The new PTA committee have leapt into action with a raffle and family quiz coming up soon, with loads of great prizes. Look out for raffle tickets on sale from 1st December at home time – cash only (£1 a strip of 5 tickets) or order via parentpay (£5 minimum spend) and see the poster for more fundraising ideas.

Khalida, our Schools Counselling Manager will be running a zoom course for parents in January, dealing with anxiety. It will start on January 12th and run for 5 weeks via zoom. We will send out more details and an invitation nearer the time.

If you have a child in the Nursery (Sun Class) you need to apply for a Reception place for your child by **15th January 2021**. If you have a younger child you would like to be considered for a place in Nursery next year the deadline for applications is **16th February 2021**. The application for both cohorts needs to be made via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>. If you need help please contact Ruth on 020 89802584 option 3 or email rcrossan.211@lgflmail.org

16th & 17th December **Christmas Days!**

18th December **Last day of term – school finishes at 2PM**

The following children will be receiving a praise postcard this week:

Sprouts - Hayley and Jeslord

Broccoli - Zahid and Akram

Year 2 were out of school last week

Basil - Harry and Jessie

Thyme - Zayden and Henry

Mint - Ismaeel and Liyana

Lavender - Adyan and Frankii

Cherry - Alex and Paolo

Rowan - Sadiq and Kara

Oak - Jasper and Charlie

Willow - Sophie and Teddy

OUR LAST INSET DAY THIS ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE ON MONDAY **22ND FEBRUARY** SO CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY **23RD FEBRUARY** AFTER HALF TERM.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED THAT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON **THURSDAY 6TH MAY** FOR A POLLING DAY.