

# Kennington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021



## PTFA Christmas Food Market

On Friday at 3pm, the PTFA will be hosting a Christmas Food Market in the school hall where they will be selling home-made takeaway food, ideal for a Friday night in! Sweets and drinks will also be sold. This is to replace the usual Christmas Fair which we can't hold for safety reasons. The food made by the parents is always delicious and sells well so be there early or miss out! There will also be a Christmas raffle. Tickets will be on sale from next week in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day.



## Book Machine

We've had lots more children hitting their targets in Reading these last two weeks and so our Book Machine stock has become a little depleted. Which is great! Fortunately, to plug the gap until we purchase some more, Mrs Murray, James' mum from Acer Class has donated some. Thank you so much! If you would like to buy a book to donate for the machine please do so. It's a great way to get books into children's hands and encourage them to read!



## Christmas Jumper Day



It's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. The children can come into school with their Christmas jumper or cardigan for a donation of £1. This can be paid via Parent Pay. The rest of the normal school uniform should be worn. All proceeds will go to the Save the Children charity. PLEASE DO NOT GO OUT AND BUY ONE SPECIALLY! IT IS COMPLETELY OPTIONAL. (Most of them take them off by lunch because they are scratchy and hot!).

## Christmas Presents and Cards

If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their class mates they can do so and if parents want to get presents for their class teacher then that's also fine as well!

## Christmas Lunch

**Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

## Christmas Parties

The Infant party day will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec and the Junior party day will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Children can come to school in their party clothes all day. If you would like to send food in, we are asking that you only send in shop bought food that is individually wrapped if possible.

**LAST DAY OF TERM IS FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER aAT 3PM**

## Long Sleeved Under Shirts

A lot of children are wearing long sleeved under garments under their school shirts. They are then coming into school and taking their jumpers off as they are too hot. It is not cold inside school in fact it is very warm. When the children go out, they should put their coats on so in fact there is no need to wear these long sleeved under garments. They also make the children look very untidy as it is just another piece of clothing that becomes untucked. If you feel that your child needs to wear a third layer of clothing, a simple vest will be enough.

## Christmas Intruder

It's that time of year again when schools are targets for thieves and opportunists. On Tuesday night while the whole staff were completing their First Aid training in the hall, an intruder managed to open the office hatch window and climb in looking for any cash we might have had. Fortunately he was disturbed by myself. He jumped back through the hatch and made off into the night. I gave chase for all of 10 yards (not as fit as I once was) and let him know, in no uncertain terms, that he was not welcome at Kennington Primary School! Fortunately there was little damage and he only made off with the debit card which was immediately cancelled. I am glad we do not keep cash on the premises anymore thanks to Parent Pay. It is a warning for us all that there are some people at this time of year that are desperate enough to steal from Primary Schools. Be vigilant everyone!



## Head Teacher Awards

**Cherry: Ammar I**

**Willow: Taheerah A**

**Beech: Muhammad B**

**Y3: Eyad A**

**Y4: Zakariya Y**

**Y5: Morgan C**

**Y6: Eshal Ali**

## **Word Millionaires!**

Well done to James M and Abdullah G for becoming members of the Word Millionaire Club. They have read over a million words in total this year so far! A very rare achievement. Congratulations boys!

## **Oak Nativity and KS1 Carols**

The children in Oak Class will be performing their Nativity this week. Unfortunately we are not inviting parents into school to watch. Instead we will be filming the biblical epic. To download it, donate £5 via Parent Pay and we will send you a link. This worked really well last year. We will be doing the same for the KS1 carol concert. Both performances will be available to download at the end of the Autumn Term hopefully before we finish for Christmas.



## **Masks**

There is no requirement for parents to wear masks in the playground however if you have to enter school, please wear a face covering.

## **Breakfasts**

We've noticed that a few children are complaining of being hungry around mid morning and saying that they didn't have time for any breakfast. Please make sure that your child has something to eat before school. If you are in a rush, please pop a piece of fruit in their bag so they can have it at playtime. Thank you.



## **Year 2 Phonics Screening Check**

The government have instructed all schools to carry out the Phonics Screening check for all current Year 2 pupils before the end of the Autumn Term. This is because it was cancelled last academic year when the children were in Year 1. We will be carrying out our check with our Year 2 children this next week. We will let you know their results when we come back in January.