



NEWSLETTER

We are inclusive, confident and enterprising learners who are brave, curious, optimistic and kind. We are ready to embrace the future.



17th December 2021

Dear Families,

This is the last newsletter of the year and the end of a very busy term. The staff have been working hard to put into place new teaching programmes such as Read Write Inc for our phonics and reading and a new PE programme. The children have also been working hard and have settled well into their new classes.

Last Day

We have tried to make all of our classrooms as normal as we can, given the Covid situation, all through this term, but some changes to activities and routines have been necessary. The children have been having a great time on the last afternoon, with class party games, festive crafts and films. Each class has had a special video message from Santa and listened to the poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' read to them by the governors. If you would like to listen to it again please use this link <https://vimeo.com/657650703> We would like to thank all of our families for your understanding about the restrictions we have had to impose on Christmas celebrations and activities in school and thank you in advance for your continuing support with these measures in the New Year.

Curriculum news

In the last newsletter, we shared some of the children's writing with you, and in this one we are sharing some of the artwork the children have completed about 'Our School'. The children across both schools were asked to paint, draw or collage a picture of the school building and, as you can see, there have been some wonderful pictures produced by all of the children. The children have also been describing the school building or writing about what it feels like to come here.



Diary Dates

End of Term

17th December

Start of New Term

Thursday 6th January

February Half-Term

w/c 21st February



We also need to say a very big well done to the Year 2 children, who have all taken part in the phonic screening check. They all did extremely well and showed the progress they had made in their phonic skills since the beginning of the year, with 91% of them reaching the required standard.

Return in January

A reminder that the children return to school on Thursday 6th January, when we will be greeting our new Executive Head teacher, Mrs Yvonne Jones. We will be continuing with our 'soft start', so the children can begin to come into school from 8.45. The start period ends at 9am and the children need to be in school by this time as this is when formal teaching sessions begin. The children find it unsettling if they arrive after the teaching session has begun.

In January we will be reducing the length of the lunchtime from one hour and twenty-five minutes to one hour. The children will still have the same amount of time to eat their lunch, as the hour will be staggered with different timings for Early Years and KS1.

It just remains for all the staff to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.
Best Wishes,

Mrs D Razey (Acting Head Teacher)

Flu Immunisation

If your child was absent from school on Thursday 16th December or if you had not completed the consent form but would now like your child to be immunised please use the details below to find out when immunisations will take place.

Telephone 0300 247 0082

E-mail: VCL.immunisations@nhs.net

Website: www.virgincare.co.uk

PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the snowman trail so far, we launch tomorrow and we're really excited to get out and see the decorations and find the festive words that those pesky snowmen have hidden. If you haven't signed up yet, don't worry you can still get your trail from Eventbrite up until 27th December, and the trail will be live until 1st January 2022.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hyde-park-schools-ptfa-festive-snowman-trail-tickets-219884900657>

On completion of the trail you will be entered into our prize raffle with goodies from many of our favourite local businesses including Fry's Farm Shop, Ugly Betty's, Roam, Friary Mill, The Snowsports Centre, The Printery, Melanie Barnfield Photography, and more. We also have Waterstones Vouchers and craft gifts - what's not to love? We set our sights on selling 100 trails, we're about half way there so if you can please do sign up for some festive fun and to support our school. Merry Christmas!

<https://www.facebook.com/HydeParkPTFA>

Best wishes to you all and a very Merry Christmas