

**Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
 Send in an orange with your child to make a Christingle.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**  
 Flu jabs for children in Pixie class upwards, to year 6. Please ensure that you have completed the consent.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**  
 Cake sale straight after school, in the main playground.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**  
 Deadline for Twenty is Plenty competition entries (whole school).

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
 Last day of term. School finishes at 1.15pm.



**Attendance**

- F1 81%
- F2 85%
- Y1 80%
- Y2 80%
- **Y3 95%**
- Y4 94%
- **Y5 100%**
- **Y6 98%**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The shorter nights and crisp fresh mornings, bring forth a gentle reminder, that the festive month of December is not too far away. In accordance with guidelines from the local authority, I have had to cancel the nativity performances this year. Nevertheless, we will safely celebrate the joy and momentum Christmas brings forth, in school. The numbers of positive confirmed cases at school are beginning to stabilise, which is great news for us all. Let's continue with this momentum, so that we can have an enjoyable and safe next few weeks. Have a great weekend and keep safe, Mr Jalaf

**Cake Sale!**

We are pleased to host another cake sale on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**, straight after school. Please can we ask for cake donations from all parents. All money raised will go towards buying new IT equipment for the school.

**This week in class ...**

For Art and Design, Bramley class have been learning how to weave paper and the results have been phenomenal. The children worked on techniques such as control and gained an understanding of how the materials used, impact the outcome of weaving. We very much enjoyed using bright colours and creating our own styles. Next week we're going to take this skill one step further by beginning to weave fabric! Miss Sufi



Elstar class have been writing some fantastic imaginative stories. Elstar class really enjoyed reading about baby bear's journey to the moon in 'whatever next'. We took it upon ourselves to become writers for the week and write our very own version.

Miss Nasir

A cat...  
 mel...  
 mint...  
 had a picnic...  
 when they...  
 they got...  
 the moon...  
 the cat...  
 baby...  
 a bump...  
 baby...  
 a baby

After the picnic...  
 we said goodbye to the...  
 we...  
 let four baby bear...  
 in his rocket then...  
 started to rain...  
 JIP JIP JIP...  
 the way back home...  
 we go in a...  
 baby...



### **Class Representatives**

To further enhance greater links with the community and the parent body, I am pleased to share with you, news of reintroducing parent representatives for all classes. Can I please have a parent from every class come forward, who will be the conduit between the parents and Pippins School. If you are interested, please let the school office know. The positions will be filled as soon as expressions are noted. You will commit to meeting myself, Mr Jalaf, once every half term and essentially, keeping all parents informed of issues we discuss and those, which are raised.

### **Christingles**

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a special time in the Christian calendar. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare for and remember the real meaning of Christmas. As part of our R.E curriculum we will be making 'Christingles' in school. We request that each child brings an orange in to school on Monday (29<sup>th</sup> November 2021). The Children's Society have kindly provided us with the candles needed to make our Christingles in return for a donation to their charity. We would be grateful if you could please bring in a £1 donation along with your orange. Wishing you all festive best wishes, Mrs Fowler

### **Parking**

All parents and carers are reminded to park safely away from school, during drop off and pick up times. This week again, we had a near miss collision with a child on Wednesday after school.

Whilst I appreciate the urgency of dashing to work/home, the safety of our children is paramount. Staff on the gate need to focus on the children and parents, rather than on the cars. I need your support in this matter. It is also essential that you are mindful of where you park, as we must not block private driveways.

### **Stranger danger**

We have had reports of strangers in the village imposing themselves on children. Please remind your child about stranger danger and what to do, if approached by an unknown adult.

### **Community Spirit**

Once again, Pippins has come together collectively, to help others. For Children in Need we raised a staggering **£153!**

Once we have word from the Royal British Legion, we will share that total with you! Thank you again, for showcasing Pippins' generosity.

### **Covid Update**

COVID-19 symptoms are currently listed as follows:

- Upset stomach
- Aching Muscles
- Blocked/Runny Nose
- Long-lasting headache
- Vomiting
- Sore Throat
- Cough
- Lost of taste and smell

LFT home testing remains important in reducing the transmission of infection so we must all ensure we are testing at home regularly. If your child display any of the above symptoms a PCR test should be completed. Please keep the office informed. We must continue to adhere to all the guidance as necessary to ensure the ongoing protection of ourselves and each other.

### **Twenty is plenty**

This week, I spoke to the whole school about the importance of adults driving slowly around the village. In collaboration with Colbrook Community Association (CCA), we are taking part in a competition to design a poster, to be displayed around the village. It is around the theme of 'twenty is plenty' –the speed limit to be set at 20mph. Please help your child design an eye-catching poster. The deadline for all entries to be received in school is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. The winners will be announced before we break for Christmas.

