

**Value of the week:** This week we have focussed on **Cooperation**. Can you spot and praise your children when demonstrating any of our values at home?

**Postcards home:**

This week, postcards have been awarded to:

Year 6: Cerys and Nandi (Pride in my Work Award)

Year 5: Minnell and Ella

Year 4: Lee and Nuno, Jasmine and Adhvaith

Year 3: Jane and Erin (Pride in my Work Award)

Year 2: Yusuf, Emily and Stephanie, Myra and Tomi

Year 1: Agnes and Wed, Levan and Alexey

Reception: Destiny and Thomas, Soline and Eliza

**Music of the week:** 'Everywhere' by Niall Horan and Anne Marie. This is the *Children In Need* Appeal song.

**Football news:** Our boys' team played against New Moston this week. Despite losing, the boys played with great character and never gave up! Player of the match goes to Mateo who made some fantastic saves.

Whilst the team trains and plays well, no pupil is allowed to bring a football in from home. We would appreciate your support with this.

**Careful and respectful parking:** I have had complaints from local residents who notice that on a daily basis there is careless and inconsiderate parking on Redhill Street and other local areas. Please use the parking bays as indicated or use the Aldi car park.

**LFT tests and PCR tests:** All our families should be testing at least twice each week with an LFT, and if your child is poorly then this should be increased to daily. If you are concerned in any way about a cough or a fever then a PCR test should be taken in addition to the LFT tests.

**Forthcoming events:** We have several events coming up – the Reception Nativity, the Year 3&4 concert at the Halle, the Year 1&2 concert as well as the Christmas Fair.

Advice currently being given (26.11.21) is that these events can continue but there will be some safety measures in place. Only one adult can attend any given event. All adults must wear a face covering. All parents are requested to take an LFT test before attending any event.

If guidance changes, especially in relation to our Fair, I will of course notify you.

In addition to this, as from Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, parents entering the school Reception area must wear a face covering.

**Term dates:** The following list gives an outline of the term's events. They are not set in stone! Greater details will be given as appropriate nearer the time.

### **Term planner Autumn 2, 2021**

29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ms Peeks returns from maternity leave to job-share with Ms Bowers in Year 5
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Final date of raffle prize donations for our Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Letter to go home for children who usually have a packed lunch, inviting them to have the Christmas Dinner on 15 <sup>th</sup> December (£2:50)
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Sponsored Elf Run to the North Pole to raise funds for our PTA. The children will take part in this event every day, collecting enough miles to reach the North Pole in time for Christmas! More details to follow about how you can sponsor your child and raise money for our PTA in the process.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Final chance to buy your ticket for 'Elfridges' – see information above and also the letter that was sent home separately.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Bottle collection for the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PC Maxine Norton to lead sessions for Year 5&6 on cyber-safety, keeping safe online, appropriate and safe use of social media, digital footprints etc
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at the Halle (Year 3&4) at 2:20pm – details have been sent out, and see safety measure above.
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Final payment date of £2:50 for the Christmas Dinner on 15 <sup>th</sup> December
9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS nativity at 9:30 – parents welcome – see safety measure above.
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Bag to School collection – please start saving unwanted/old clothing, shoes, bedding sheets and covers, towels, blankets.
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Cake donation for the Fair – please bring to the school Reception in the morning
10 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas fair – 6:00 to 7:15
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) Carol Concert and Poems at 9:15. Parents welcome, and see safety measures above.
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner day. The Christmas Dinner will be offered to all pupils who normally have a packed lunch at the cost of £2:50.
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto x2 performances (am/pm)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Toy day / parties / finish
4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day (Teacher training) NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts for all pupils

**INSET Days:** Teachers have training days (INSET days). There are no children in school on these days. The next ones are:

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – *please note – this is a re-arranged date, moved from April. Term will therefore start for children on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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