

Value of the week: This week we have focussed on ***WE DO THE RIGHT THING***. 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: Rosie and Klaudia (Pride in my Work Award)

Year 5: Karen

Year 4: Gurleen, Isaac, James and Caroline (Pride in my Work Award)

Year 3: Luna and Theon (Pride in my Work Award) and Tim

Year 2: Anish and Maya, Donnie and Isabelle

Year 1: Thales and Emily, Yoshiqa and Amelia (all for Pride in my Work Award) and Zoie, Oluwafifehanmi, Maryam and Ayad

Reception: Alma and Luca, Zoe and Maria

Music of the week: Maccabeats 'Candlelight' to celebrate Chanukah. Click here to find out more about this Jewish festival: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/hanukkah>

Keeping safe: Our Year 5 and 6 classes have had an afternoon workshop run by our local police officers. The focus has been on 'Safer streets on darker nights' and 'Staying safe online'.

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. Schools are no longer expected to identify close contacts of any positive case; all our families (parents and children) need to be testing very regularly. LFT kits can be ordered online for free, to be delivered to your door.

Forthcoming events: We have several events coming up –the Year 3&4 concert at the Halle, the Reception Nativity, and the Year 1&2 concert.

Advice is still that these events can continue but there will be safety measures in place.

Only one adult can attend any given event. The Reception nativity is the **only exception** as fewer children are taking part.

All adults must wear a face covering.

There will be plenty of ventilation in the hall.

Chairs for the audience will be spaced out.

Parents will enter and exit the hall via the outside hall door to minimise accessibility to the rest of the school.

All parents are requested to take an LFT test before attending any event.

The fair has been cancelled. This was a very difficult decision to make but the PTA feel that it is just too near to Christmas to risk any possible transmission. However, please support the PTA by sponsoring the Elf Run and buying raffle tickets for the chance to win amazing prizes.

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. All letters sent home are on our website, so check there for any reminders.

Term planner Autumn 2, 2021

6 th December	Clothing can be brought in from today onwards for our Bag2School collection (see details already sent out)
6 th December	Carol Concert at the Halle (Year 3&4) at 2:20pm – details have been sent out, and see safety measure above. Parents should arrive at 2pm and doors will close at 2:15pm.
8 th December	Final payment date of £2.50 for the Christmas Dinner on 15 th December
9 th December	EYFS nativity at 9:30 – parents welcome – see safety measure above.
9 th December	Bag to School collection – please start saving unwanted/old clothing, shoes, bedding sheets and covers, towels, blankets.
14 th December	Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) Carol Concert and Poems at 9:15. Parents welcome, and see safety measures above.
15 th 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 th December	Panto x2 performances (am/pm)
17 th December	Toy day / parties / finish
4 th January	INSET Day (Teacher training) NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
5 th 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:

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

Looking forward: Term time and holiday dates for the academic year 2022/23 are on our website.

As always, contact me any time: t.smith@newislingtonschool.co.uk