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## *One family branching out together*

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Dear Parents/Carers

It's nearly time to dust off your old Christmas trees, although a lot of families have done so already this year, to let a bit of cheer into their lives during our current imposed circumstances. We are busy again in the run up to Christmas so please make a note of upcoming events and important dates in your own diaries, as we would be disappointed if you missed anything.

### Important news for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021



A decision has been made by the Federation SLT to cancel the training day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and move it to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This means that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January will be the first day back to school after the Christmas holidays for the children and not Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, as previously advertised. If, as a family, you have already made holiday arrangements for that day, please contact the school office to discuss this.

### Macmillan non-uniform day and Selby Food bank

Thank you to everyone who supported the collection for Selby Food Bank. As you can see, there was a fantastic variety of food and necessities donated, which will go a long way to help the local community. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who donated for the non-uniform day to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. It has been a difficult year for them as the usual coffee mornings could not take place. We have so far raised £54.50, with donations still coming in!



Trust, Friendship, Forgiveness

### Children in need



Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to the BBC Children in Need appeal this year by wearing spots and stripes.

Everyone looked great! We have raised £55.00 so far, the payment item is still on ParentPay if you have not had chance to donate yet.



### Christmas Cards

As Christmas is drawing ever closer, we would like to reassure you that children can still exchange Christmas cards this year. A post box will be in place in school for children to post their cards on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Cards will be 'quarantined' for 72 hours before being distributed. Please only send cards into school on these days so we can control the quarantine timeline.



### Christmas Dinner



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December our Cook, Mrs Page will be cooking up our annual traditional Christmas dinner. Please let Mrs Charlton know if your child normally has a packed lunch or a jacket potato on this day but would like a Christmas dinner instead.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be supporting Save the Children by asking the children and staff to come to school in a Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1.00. We ask you to spend as little as possible on a Christmas jumper and to encourage you and your children to be as creative as possible by decorating an old jumper with tinsel, baubles, sequins, etc. Payments can be made on ParentPay.



### Pupil absences

It is really important that you please make sure you telephone or email the school before 9.15am to notify us of any child absence, with a reason for their absence. Equally, we ask if your child is unwell and you have called on the first day of their absence, we also require a call on each subsequent day until they are well enough to be back in school. If we don't receive any communication, by phone or email, we start our process of contacting all of the contacts allocated to your child and, if we still haven't received any information, the Children Missing in Education protocol is triggered. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Healthy School

As we are awarded the Healthy School status we are careful to adhere to our Food Policy and ask parents and carers to support us in this. Bearing this in mind and also for limiting exposure to Covid-19, please could parents send in stickers/stationery as Birthday treats instead of sweets or cake.

Please read our Food Policy which can be found on our school website under the following link <https://www.chapelhaddleseyschool.org.uk/key-info/school-policies>

Please let me bring your attention to the part of our Food Policy concerning drinks in school, as follows: -



## Water

Fresh, chilled drinking water is available for all pupils throughout the day and pupils will be encouraged to drink water at frequent intervals. All packed lunch pupils have access to water at lunch time meaning there is no need for an additional drink to be brought as part of a packed lunch. Pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle every day that they can refill as necessary. Bottles go home at the end of every day to be washed and returned.

**Covid restrictions – pupils should bring in their own named water bottle from home and this will be sent home every night.**

No drinks other than water will be brought into school by pupils unless recommended by a doctor for medical needs. If this is the case, please contact school to advise, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your co-operation in following all of our school Policies.

## The Importance of Reading

Children need to develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, and increased vocabulary and an improved level of understanding. They will do this by listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction books with your help. Our Home-School Agreement stipulates that families should 'read with my child every night' and the importance of reading as a necessary life skill cannot be stressed and reiterated enough.



## Tips for Helping Your Child Read

- Discuss what is happening in the story.
- Discuss alternative words. 'Which word could the author have used that's a bit more exciting than big?' Use a thesaurus together to find alternative words.
- Make predictions. What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that? If their prediction is off the mark, model your own and give your reasons.
- Discuss the setting of the story. Have you read another book with a similar setting?
- Discuss the meaning of words. Use a dictionary together to get your child used to exploring words for themselves.
- Discuss if your child has learned anything new whilst reading the book that they didn't know before. Pretend that you have learned a new fact and explain it to them.

## 10 Benefits of Reading

- Children who read often and in a wide range of subjects get better at it. Practice makes perfect in all parts of life and reading is no exception.
- Reading exercises our brain. Reading is a more complex task for the brain than just watching television. Reading strengthens and builds new brain connections.
- Reading improves concentration. Children learn to sit quietly and still whilst reading thus developing their overall concentration levels over time.
- Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading a variety of texts children learn about people, places, other cultures and events outside of their own experience.
- Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. Children learn new words and vocabulary as they read, subconsciously absorbing information on how to structure sentences, use words and other features of language effectively, thus enhancing their writing and speaking.
- Reading develops a child's imagination. Reading translates the text into pictures and fires the imagination into imagining the scene of the story, how the characters are feeling and leads to further discussion and exploration.



- Reading helps children to develop empathy. As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.
- Reading is a fun activity that can be done alone or together. A book, or e-reader device can be taken and read anywhere. You can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.
- Reading is a great way to spend quality time together. Together on the sofa, at bedtime, or a visit to the library (virtually at the moment) are just some ideas for spending time together.
- Children who read achieve better in school. Reading promotes achievement in ALL subjects, not just English and children who spend a lot of time reading tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

#### Parking - important



We have had a few complaints from parents this week regarding parking on the road around the school entrance. The Highway Code states that the nearest you can park to a junction is 10 metres (or 32 feet). This is to allow drivers emerging from, or turning into, the junction a clear view of the road they are joining. It also allows them to see hazards such as pedestrians or cyclists at the junction. Please can we remind our parents not to park within 10 metres of the entrance into the car park.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R. Lindley  
Deputy Headteacher

#### Diary Dates

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filming of nativity for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2</li> </ul>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bag2school collection</li> </ul>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for Christmas</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Back to school</b></li> </ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for online applications for Reception 2021 new starters</li> </ul>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for Half-Term</li> </ul>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</li> </ul>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for Easter</li> </ul>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training Day (school closed)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</li> </ul>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May Bank Holiday (school closed)</li> </ul>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break up for half term</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training Day (school closed)</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school</li> </ul>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School ends for Summer</li> </ul>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training Day (school closed)</li> </ul>

