



Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
December 2020



# Newsletter

What a busy week and half term it has been!

I'd like to say thank you to you all for the lovely gifts, comments and support we've received as a staff over the last few weeks. My first half term at Orsett has been great and I'm very excited to be joining you full time in January.

Our cool to be Kind week has been a personal highlight and I hope that you have all enjoyed seeing the acts of kindness the children completed for the community in our Christmas service video (links on class dojo and available until Sunday morning). We've had lots of replies and thank you's from the hospital in particular and one person got in touch with us after having received one of Year 4s kindness notes on his car!

I hope that you can all have a very merry Christmas and a relaxing new year. I have no idea what next year has in store for us in terms of Covid and the way forwards. I would all urge you to stay as safe as possible during the holidays while taking the time to be with families. Think carefully about what you plan to do and stay as safe as you can. Please do read the guidance opposite here as I need you to communicate with us if necessary so we know of any cases in the next few days and before returning to school so I continue to keep our school community safe.

This year has been so challenging in many ways for us all and I truly hope that you get to find some 'normality' over the Christmas period. This year has taught me that Christmas this year in particular is about family, being together and the small things – the hugs that we've missed, the quality time with those we love. The presents this year don't seem to matter as much as previous years – not that my 10 year old daughter thinks the same!

Stay safe and have a good break.

Mrs Smith  
Head Teacher

*God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet  
and a light for our path.  
Inspired by Psalm 119:105*

## Important Information for what to do if your child gets symptoms or tests positive in the next few days

Schools still have a duty to help with tracking and tracing of any new virus or cases that may appear over the next few days. We very much hope this is very much not the case.

**If your child has been in school this week and develops symptoms of Covid-19 or receives a positive test 48 hours after being in school you must inform us immediately.**

To make this easier for everyone we have set up a Microsoft Form for you to fill in with the details we need so we can trace close contacts.

Only myself and Mr Dickson can access these forms. We will check twice a day up to Christmas Eve.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A3gsKI9LvU-jhBaC30fjrW6EQVwYBzdOoiri14yAOY5UNDQzUU5GVINYT1UzSFFRMTk5NFFDVzkyNC4u>

Thank you. I will also post the link on class dojo later today.

Whilst it is horrible to think we may have to use this and deliver bad news I do need to ensure there is a way for you to let us know so we can contain any spread and keep all of you and your loved ones safe.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Opt-in

Don't forget our smarties challenge. With so many being off this week we are very happy to receive your tubes after Christmas – keep collecting those 20ps over Christmas!

**THE GREAT SMARTIES CHALLENGE**

\*PRIZE\* FOR THE CLASS THAT RAISES THE MOST

WE'VE GIVEN YOU THESE SMARTIES AS A TREAT BUT THE EMPTY TUBE YOU MUST KEEP FOR EVERY GOOD TURN EARN 20P PLEASE BE A VERY BUSY BEE FILL YOUR TUBE, RIGHT TO THE TOP AND RETURN BY 18TH DECEMBER FOR OUR PTA POT

Please fill your tubes with whatever you can and return by the 18th December.  
Alternatively you can make a donation via our paypal:  
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