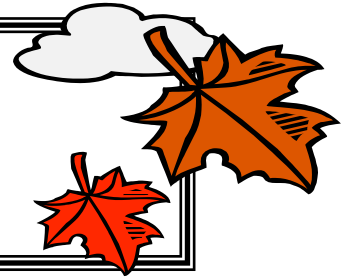




# NEWSLETTER

## December 2021



We are well into the term, and still feeling the continuing effects of the covid pandemic. We are not able yet to return to the normality we were hoping for at the start of term. As everyone knows, this has not gone away and we all should still follow the national guidance as well as take personal measures to protect ourselves and others.

We have had a small number of confirmed cases in school, and are informing parents of children who are in classes where cases have occurred.

Lateral Flow tests can be a good way to identify cases and so reduce the spread. Regular testing is undertaken with high school pupils, and adults can also access regular testing. .

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

The symptom checker is on the school website as a reminder outlining the steps to take, if your child has symptoms of coronavirus. Any child with symptoms must not come to school.

We want to express our huge thanks to staff, pupils and families for all the efforts they are making, around school and in daily life, to ensure that everyone is kept safe and well as far as possibly can be.

We continue to keep separate class groups for most activities, including key stages for lunchtimes and break times, and have 'virtual collective worship assemblies' during the week - It's become too cold for outside get togethers!

Hand hygiene, ventilation and continued additional cleaning during the school day are also in place.

The weather has turned much colder recently. Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for cold conditions, and has a warm named coat. Hats and gloves should also be named so they can be returned promptly if they are misplaced.

We are going outside for playtimes and lunch breaks unless it is raining.

PE for Oak on Monday, Willow on Wednesdays and Rowan on Thursdays also take place outside, as well as sports clubs, so additional layers will be needed.

We have to keep rooms in school regularly ventilated and most of the time doors are opened at break, lunchtime and whenever the class goes outside. We are doing our best to keep everyone warm, but we have a balancing act to ensure adequate ventilation and thermal comfort!

There will be times when windows and doors have to be opened and this can make the room feel chilly. Providing warmer layers such as long socks/ tights, vests etc can help if your child feels the cold.



## BBC Children In Need

A big well done to all the children, and adults who took part in the Pudsey Power Walk. All the children in school on the day took part and received a Pudsey wristband.

Thank you to Mrs Buchholz and Mrs Eagling and all the bakers for a fantastic cake stall.  
We added in the Harvest collection

**An amazing total of £398.03 was raised!**



**Christmas Services at the church** - We are still planning separate services- a Cherry and Willow service and a Rowan and Oak service, both at church, to which parents are invited. However, we will have to be prepared for this to be cancelled at short notice, for example in the event of an increase in cases or changes to guidance for primary schools.

Cherry Willow is Wednesday 8 Dec at 10am; Rowan and Oak is Tuesday 7 Dec at 1.45pm

**The children are excited and looking forward to welcoming you. However, we ask that you agree to the following if you are intending to join us:**

- Numbers are limited to 2 adults per child for the Cherry and Willow service.
- Numbers are limited to 1 adult per child for the Rowan and Oak service.
- Wait outside the church until all the children are in and ready to start and leave promptly
- Wear a face covering inside the church.



## Other Christmas events

**Christmas post box from Monday 6 December**– children can bring Christmas cards and post them in the School Christmas post. These will be delivered every week. Make sure the child's name and Class is written on the envelope. This is entirely optional.



**Christmas Christingle in School** – Reverend Helen will be talking to the children about Christingle, and all pupils will make a Christingle in school.

This is taking place on the morning of 15 December.

*Please can each child bring an orange to school.*

Everything else for the Christingle making is provided.



Also on 15 December is the **Christmas lunch**.

The menu and order forms have been sent out.

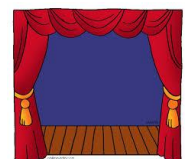


Thursday 16 December -**Christmas jumpers** can be worn on this day, with a collection for Save the Children. If you haven't got a Christmas jumper, don't worry, you can just add a bit of sparkle to an everyday jumper.



Friday 17 December – on the last day, we will be having a **Pantomime** once again in the morning and in the afternoon, all Classes will be going outside together, singing **Christmas songs** and drinking hot chocolate.

Every Child will have a chocolate treat to bring home, kindly provided by FOLS.



**Thank you to FOLs for organising a Christmas tree for the school, and a big Thank you to Mr A Thomas of Woodforde Farm for donating such a lovely tree.**