

The comet

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are on sale until 9.00am Wednesday 16th December. We will make the draw and notify winners in the afternoon. Tickets are £1 each. If you would like to purchase a ticket/tickets please send the money in a named envelope and hand to the class teacher. The school office will then allocate the tickets.

All the money raised will go in to the school fund to support our curriculum activities including, hopefully, our summer trips this year.

Term Dates—NO CHANGES

We are fully aware of recent DfE guidance about changing the end of term. Senior leaders and Governors have discussed this and agreed that DIS will remain open until 3:15pm on FRIDAY 18th Dec. We have a lot of lovely festive themed activities planned for next week as well as some exciting topic work—see you there!

Attendance

Our Attendance for this week is 94.20% - keep going everyone!

Classes achieving 95% and getting an attendance star are:-

Seacole Class	98.95%
Hillary Class	98.93%
Cavell Class	98.57%
Columbus Class	95.36%
Armstrong Class	95.29%

Well done to Seacole Class who are the winners of the Attendance Cup!

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Message From Mrs Waters

As we are drawing closer to the Christmas holiday, I would like to remind you all about the importance of following all the safety measures we have in place. Keeping a safe distance, wearing a face covering and following our one-way arrow system may seem quite small things, but if EVERYONE does this then we are keeping ourselves and each other as safe as we can. We are aware that some of you may like to bring in gifts next week. If you would like to do this, that's would be lovely but please bring them on WEDS 16th DEC (MORNING). This will allow for the items to go into quarantine before giving them out on Friday.

It has been lovely to film the children in readiness for our virtual Nativity. Look out for the link to our performance next week! Have a great weekend everyone, take care.

EYFS

This week we have felt like Santa's elves! We found out that Santa had dropped a bag of presents by accident and he was too busy to come back and get them. We weighed the presents and discovered they were too heavy to post! In the end we wrote a list for Santa to tell him what was in his bag so that he could make more in time for Christmas!

Year 1

This week we have continued to explore measuring length and height using non-standard units. In English, we have been writing a recount of the Jolly Christmas Postman's delivery round to all the different story and nursery rhyme characters. We have been working hard in Phonics to learn new sounds to support our reading.

Year 2

This week, we have used questions and statements to write our own non-fiction text all about pirates. Some of us have been using conjunctions such as 'because' and 'when' to share more information with the reader. In DT, we have been exploring flaps and sliders to create interactive pictures. We added pictures to our non-fiction text that included flaps to reveal exciting surprises underneath and sliders to raise the Jolly Roger flag or parrots that fly away!

Staying Safe for the Festive Season!

As you will be aware, Peterborough has been placed into the new 'Tier 2'. This will be reviewed next week and the decision about what we will be allowed to do will be based on the current numbers of Covid cases at the time.

I am sure you would all like to spend the Christmas period with your loved ones, I would like my staff to be able to do the same. In order for us to have a chance of doing this, we must ensure that everyone is adhering to our safety measures.

When we break up on Friday 18th Dec, we then have to wait a further 48 hours to know whether we will have a Christmas with our families or a Christmas in self-isolation. If we get a positive case before 3:15 on Sunday 20th Dec, a group of children and staff will have to isolate over Christmas. **This means NO going out of the house, not even for a walk.** This doesn't sound like a very fun Christmas to me!

So, what can we do to try and reduce the chance of this happening?

Unless you are exempt, please wear a face covering when you come onto the school site. Please follow the one-way systems to minimise contact with others. Maintain a 2m distance when queuing and please be respectful i.e. NO QUEUE JUMPING. Do not enter the blue boxes outside of the classrooms. These are there to maintain a 2m distance to protect you and my staff. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, then contact the school office and we will ensure they call you back as soon as they are able to.

Whilst these things will not eradicate the possibility of a positive case, they will significantly reduce it.

This year has been difficult in so many ways and we are all in need of a lovely Christmas.



Please can you help me to achieve this for YOU and for the amazing staff team? All we have to do is FOLLOW THE RULES!

If your child shows symptoms between now and Sunday 20th Dec, please try to book a test at a testing centre rather than doing a postal test. Currently the results of tests done at centres are being sent within 24 hours. Waiting for results from a postal test is highly likely to delay the contact tracing and we may be letting families know about the need to isolate late into the holiday.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.