

Tickford Times

11th December 2020

Tree Toppers



Children from Jet class with their 'Hansel & Gretel' themed tree topper.

This week our Year 3 and 4 children worked collaboratively in their classes to design and create a tree topper for the Milton Keynes Police Station Christmas tree, as entries for the Safer Schools Christmas competition. These four spectacular designs were collected this morning and we're feeling very confident that one of our classes will be the overall winner!



Clockwise from above: Entries from Turquoise, Topaz and Peridot classes.



Christmas Remote Raffle

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the chance to win an amazing Lego Gingerbread House, courtesy of John Lewis. Tickets can be purchased through School Gateway at the cost of £1 each.



We've also received a runner-up prize this week, of some festive treats, courtesy of 3D Recruit.

The draw will be made on the last day of term and all proceeds from the sale of tickets will be donated to MK Act.

Covid Update

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 within the first 48 hours of the Christmas holiday and subsequently tests positive, please let me know through Class Dojo. This is important as we have been asked to support with contact tracing in such cases.

If symptoms develop after this 48-hour period (i.e. after 4pm on Sunday 20th December) and your child subsequently tests positive, please follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Needless to say, we hope that none of you will need to use this advice and wish you all an enjoyable Christmas break.

Man of the Match



This week we are celebrating with Noah, who scored his first competitive goal for his football team and was awarded the Man of the Match trophy for his performance. Well done Noah!

Christmas Parties

On the afternoon of Friday 18th December, children will have small scale Christmas parties. Within their bubbles, children will enjoy some Christmas activities as a nice way to end a term in which they have worked hard.

The children may wear their own clothes to school on this day – no high heels or dangly earrings please.

Due to the extra precautions that it is necessary to take this year, there will be no sharing of food at these parties. Instead, we invite children to bring an extra snack to school with them, like a bag of popcorn or some sweets. If they wish, they can also bring a small drink.

Please don't send your children in with excessive amounts of sugary snacks or fizzy drinks. Thank you!

MK Act

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Project in support of MK Act – we were overwhelmed with the amount of donations that we received. These have now been collected and will be packaged up ready for delivery in time for Christmas.



Health Checks - Reception

If you have children in one of our reception classes (Ruby or Peal), you will receive today three documents from the Milton Keynes School Nursing Service. These are:

1. An introductory letter from the Nursing Service.
2. A list of useful websites, contacts and resources.
3. A Reception Year Health Questionnaire.

The School Nursing Service routinely offer a health screen for all children in Reception year. This can help with early identification of individual health needs, for example, mild problems with hearing or vision.

If you would like your child to be seen by the School Nursing Service, you do not need to do anything. However, **if you do not wish for your child to be seen, please inform us in writing by Friday 8th January.**

If you have any health concerns that you would like to share with the team, you can complete the questionnaire and return it by e-mail to: cnw-tr.0-19adminhub.mk@nhs.net or returning it to school in a sealed envelop marked 'For the attention of the 0-19 service'.

The three forms will be shared through Class Dojo. If you would like a printed copy of the questionnaire, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Term dates

Next Friday – 18th December – is the last day of the Autumn term. Although you may have read items in the news about schools closing early, we will be sticking with our scheduled term dates.

The children then have two weeks and a day of Christmas holiday. **Monday 4th January is a Staff Development day** on which the school will be closed to pupils.

Children should **return to school on Tuesday 5th January.** This is a six-week half-term which finishes on Friday 12th February 2021.