

Tickford Times

27th November 2020

Welcome Back Year Five



We were delighted to be able to welcome our Year five children back into school this week after their period of self-isolation. I'd like to thank all of the parents for their understanding and support during this period, and I hope that you will join me in thanking the Year 5 teachers for the work that they have done to prepare and deliver remote learning over the past two weeks.

From parents who were at home with their children at this time, we welcome any feedback on the delivery of remote learning, particularly as this was the first time that we have had to close a bubble. Whilst we hope that we will not be in this situation again, your views are helpful in reviewing and improving our provision.

Christmas Charity Project

You child's class teacher should have posted a reminder about our Christmas charity project in support of MK Act. Please send any donations to school by Friday 4th December. Thank you.

Dojo Celebrations

This week, I had the privilege of visiting a number of classes to present certificates to lots of children who have reached 100 or 200 Dojo Points. Congratulations to all of the pupils who reached these milestones!

In our Year 3 classes, we had some very exciting presentations as the first children in the school were rewarded for reaching 250 Dojo Points. For this, the children will receive a special blue star badge, which they can wear in school as a mark of their achievement.



Ten pupils in Year 3 were awarded their blue star.

Flu Vaccinations

Please don't forget that the deadline to register your child for their Flu vaccination is 5pm on Tuesday 8th December. You can complete the registration form [here](#). You will need the school URN which is: **135107**.

Immunisations will take place in school on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December.

Parent Consultations

If you would like to have a telephone consultation with your child's class teacher, to follow-up on any items from their snapshot report, or simply to discuss their progress, attainment and attitudes to school, please ensure that you complete the online form no later than Monday 30th November. You can access this form [here](#).

These consultations will take place in December. Each class will have an allocated day and you will be given a time slot for the consultation, based on the availability that you have indicated on the form. If you cannot make the assigned date or time, please let the class teacher know and they will rearrange this appointment for a mutually convenient time.

Christmas Dinner

Please see below the mouth-watering menu for this year's Christmas Dinner, which will be served in school on Wednesday 16th December.

Christmas dinners can be booked in the usual manner, using Chartwells' ParentPay.



Christmas Cards

We know that children often like to bring Christmas cards to school for their classmates and this year we want to make it possible for children to do so safely. As such, we ask that you observe the following guidelines.

If children wish to bring cards to school, they should do so by **Friday 11th December** at the latest. They should give the cards to the class teacher, who will keep them in the classroom over the weekend, as a quarantine.

The following week, some of our older children will sort the cards and deliver them to classes, where they will again be quarantined for a few days. Christmas cards will be sent home on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December.

Please label cards clearly with the recipient's name and class. We are aware that some parents have requested a class list. Teachers will be contacting parents through Class Dojo to confirm that they are happy to have their child's first name added to a class Christmas card list.

Lockdown Panto

We are happy to have the opportunity this year to enjoy Rapunzel – the Lockdown Pantomime! This will be broadcast to the children's classrooms on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December. Any children who are self-isolating or absent from school at this point will also be able to access this from their home. For further details, please feel free to get in touch with Mrs Djan.

Healthy School Policy

I know that children, on their birthday, or other special occasions, often like to bring sweets to share with their classmates. As a school, we request that children do not do so. This is particularly important at the moment as any type of unnecessary sharing is to be discouraged.

We will be reviewing this policy towards the end of this academic year, when we hope that conditions dictated by the current pandemic will have somewhat improved. When we do so, we will ask parents for their views. In the meantime, we'd like to thank you for your understanding.