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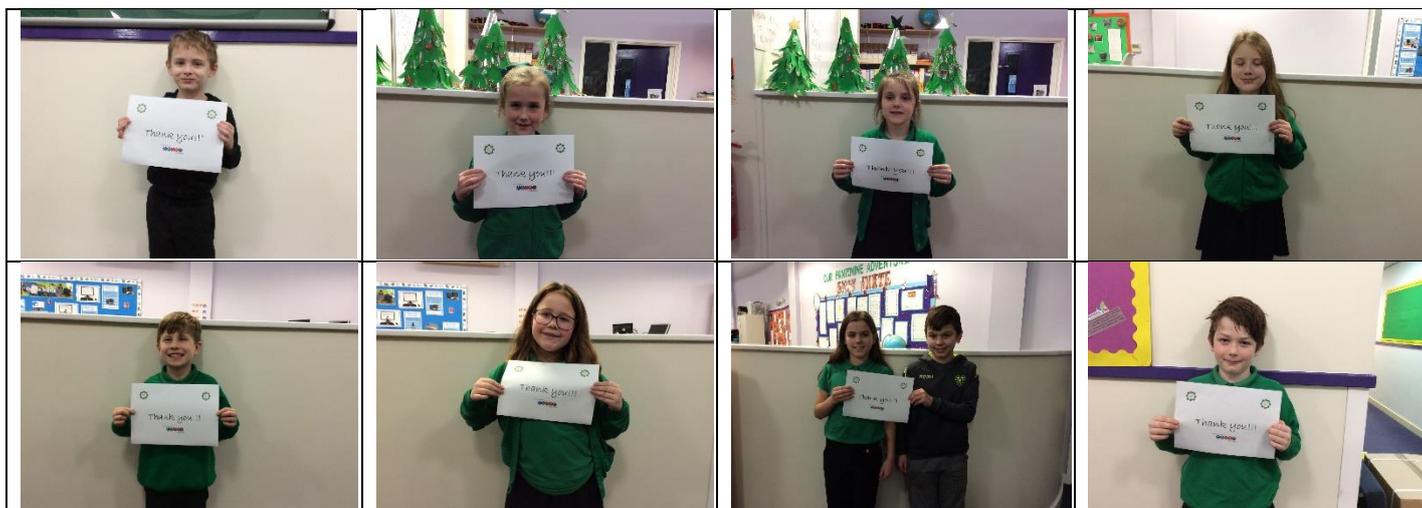
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw closer to the end of term, I would like to start by recognising how far we have come, and how well we have all come together as a community, to make this last term so successful for our children and each other.

I would like to thank our wonderful school team for remaining positive and going over and above each day in so many ways. Their kindness, care and determination to support our children in their learning and wellbeing has enabled our children to have a very happy experience once again.

I would like to give a few special mentions to a few people who have worked their magic to enable our children to take part in an adapted, but wonderful opportunity to select gifts for their family. Hannah Kuehn and her little boy Bobby went off on a whirlwind shopping expedition, purchasing over 500 presents for the children, which is just incredible. A thank you to our other wonderful PTA members too, making this and many other things possible: Clare Gourlay, Angela Britton, Rebecca Greatrix, Faye Wallis, Claire Turner, Nicola Brown and Jo Mulroy – A HUGE THANK YOU for your commitment and making a huge difference to our children and school. Your great efforts have done so many things to support our families and children, from large donations to enable us to replace our Trim Trail, to paying for the online pantomime, to mention just a few things.



Mrs Burton and Mrs Senior have worked their Christmas wrapping magic, and Miss Callaly and the staff team have helped to organise the Christmas Wrap within school. Mrs Howden, Miss Newman, Miss Potton and Miss Reed – wonderful job with your delivery service!

THANK YOU SO MUCH to yourselves and your children for supporting this event. The children have chosen their presents and will bring their gifts home on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December (after the gifts have been in quarantine). It's definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE** – Unfortunately there have been a couple of occasions recently when parents have brought children to school, knowing that they have, or have had, COVID symptoms. We have been extremely clear about this - **DO NOT bring children to school at any time if they appear to have any of the 3 COVID symptoms.**

As we approach this final week in school, we know that children, families and staff will all be keeping their fingers crossed that we do not have any confirmed cases and that we DO NOT have to close any bubbles. EVERYONE MUST do their part. By sending your child into school with possible COVID symptoms, you would not only be increasing the risk of COVID potentially being spread to wider families, but you could also be forcing the other 30+ children and multiple members of staff to have to self-isolate during the Christmas holidays. PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE. If your child has symptoms or possible symptoms, please DO NOT send them into school. We want all of our families and staff to be able to enjoy the Christmas holiday with their family.

**Reminder:**

- Please ensure your child brings everything they need to school with them. Please do not drop drinks, packed lunches or other items at the office, as this may increase the risk of transmission between different bubbles in school.
- Children should not bring Christmas cards into school in order to limit possible COVID transmission between different homes and classes.

This week we are celebrating children who have shown incredible learning behaviour and commitment to get better in their learning, which has resulted in them making fantastic progress since September. We are very proud that your hard work and efforts are meaning you are being the best you can be, and are REACHing your potential. #PROUD #GREATWORK #CANDOATTITUDE

Well done to you all!



Class 1 - Lucian H; Class 1/2 - Max E and Class 2 - William S .

Class 3 - Grace J; Class 3/4 - Jude M and Class 4 - Tommy H.

Class 5 – Noah S; Class - 5/6 - Kaydie B and Class 6 – Liam H.

**Exciting Events for Next Week:**

**Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day**

For children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Class 3, this will be on Tuesday 15th December.

For children in Class 3/4, Class 4, Year 5 and Year 6, this will be on Wednesday 16th December.



Children will be invited to wear a Christmas jumper, t-shirt, costume or dress for their Christmas dinner day.

We are asking for a £1 donation which will help fund gifts for our local care homes and care centres, as well as further enrichment activities for our children in school.



### Christmas Performances

Rehearsals for our Christmas performances have continued. They will be available to view on our secure YouTube channel before the end of term. There will be no cost to view this, as we thought it would be lovely to share with all our families. As usual, only children who we have permission for this platform will be recorded and added.

### Children's Christmas Raffle

Next week, on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**, the children are able to purchase raffle tickets (in their classes) for 50p each. There is no limit on the number of tickets a child can purchase. This raffle will be drawn on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, during our assembly. If your child would like to take part in this raffle, please place the correct money for the number of tickets your child wishes to purchase in an envelope with your child's name on. There are a whole host of prizes to be won!

We will be having lots of activities throughout next week: the Online Pantomime purchased by the PTA; watching class performances on the screens; Christmas crafts and fun learning activities with a Christmas theme...the list goes on. **We will break up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**; classes will start and finish at their usual times. Please stick to your allocated slots, to prevent any bubbles potentially mixing unnecessarily.

### Key Stage 1

KS1 will be having their Christmas Parties on Wednesday 16th December. On this day, children may wear party clothes to school.



### Leeds Little Library

I'm sure by now you will have seen our 'Little Library' at the main entrance. We would like to thank Mrs Newsome (whose child is in Year 3) for championing this project and for making it happen. She will also be our library host, taking care of the library book organisation for us. We would also like to thank all the members of the community who helped fundraise and support the purchase of the library.

I would also like to thank Mrs Petch for her wonderful efforts in making this happen, as well as Pinnacle PSG for their support.

The library will be in use with some COVID restrictions. You are welcome to take a book or leave a book. Please use the hand sanitiser provider before and after taking or leaving a book. We would also recommend that the books are quarantined for 48 hours before you start reading.

We hope that the members of our school and surrounding community will find much joy and love of reading from this library. Happy reading!



We are extremely grateful to you all for your ongoing support and positivity. As we enter this busy, final week, one of the busiest times of the year in school, please continue to show your usual kindness to our wonderful team. We are looking forward to working together to make this experience the best for our little treasures and our whole school community, by working together with you, as always. THANK YOU!

Have a great weekend.

Leila Rothenburg  
Headteacher

## COVID Update

Thank you so much for helping to keep our school community safe by wearing a face covering when entering the school site (and ideally on the narrow pathways outside of school).



COVID information continued:

- PLEASE DO NOT send your child to school if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms.

A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

A new continuous cough.

A loss or change to their sense of taste or smell.

- If they have a positive result – please email us immediately with the subject named as POSITIVE TEST and a copy of the confirmation, so we can review any action that may need taking to keep people safe. [admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk)
- If your child has to isolate, they must stay at home. If they have siblings that need dropping off and you have no-one who can support you with this, please contact the school office and we will work with you to find a solution.
- Please email the results, even if it is a household member, before bringing your child back to school.
- If you are outside, within 1 metre of another person for 1 minute (with or without a mask) you would be classed as a close contact if they were to have the virus. People are contagious from 2 days before they even have any symptoms. This would mean you would have to isolate for 14 days if Test and Trace had to track close contacts. Please try to maintain 2m+.
- If your child shows any of the 3 symptoms, we have to contact you to ask you to isolate as a household and anyone with symptoms must then access a test. This is the same for children across the country. As a parent myself, I understand the difficulties and additional stress this may cause, but we have to do everything we can to keep our school community as safe as possible.
- Please follow the 1 way system at all times please.
- Please try to ensure only 1 family member enters the school site to drop off or collect children, in order to reduce unnecessary risks.