



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Headteacher's Thoughts

As you will have read in correspondence earlier in the week, we have had positive Covid19 cases within the school. If you have been told that your child must self-isolate, this will be until the last day of isolation being Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, returning to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. As I indicated in my letter, no other members of the family need to self-isolate unless someone within the family develops symptoms. We have provided home learning activities for those children self-isolating, if you have any issues with this, please let the class teachers know. As always, I would urge you all to adhere to all the regulations, including social distancing, wearing face coverings, continuing with thorough hand washing etc to help continue to keep our community safe and well. If your child is presented with any of the relevant symptoms, particularly a high temperature (37.8°) or a cough, they should not be brought to school. If you are in any doubt, please telephone the school office. Thank you.

Last Friday, was our annual Children in Need fundraiser, which involved the skipathon. Thank you to everyone that kindly donated to this wonderful cause – and I can now reveal our total this year of £666 – which is brilliant.

With Christmas just around the corner we have made the decision that children should not bring in cards this year for all their friends. If they want, they can bring in one card each with a message for the whole class and they will be displayed on a display board within their classroom. This makes it safer for Covid reasons but also it will be great for the environment. I know this will be disappointing, but we will be looking at some exciting activities to mark the Christmas season in school.

### A few reminders

- Flu Vaccinations are coming up on the 9<sup>th</sup> December for Reception to Year 6 children, hopefully you have been able to complete the online consent form. Please make sure this is completed as soon as possible if you wish your child to receive the vaccination. Any problems, please do let us know.
- From Monday, the new lunch menu starts with more traditional lunch choices, it is great to be able to get back to a normal service as all the new routines are now secure.
- Sadly, due to lockdown restrictions and guidelines, we are not able to hold our Open Morning to invite prospective parents to spend time at our wonderful school. Therefore, this year, we have created a dedicated page on our website with photos and videos showing examples of the children at work and play. If you know parents with children due to start school next September, please share the website details with them (web address at the top of this newsletter)

Mr. Leigh

**Our Christian Value for this half term is:**

## **Co-operation**

We will be thinking this term about the secret of good cooperation and how we can work together.

**“Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.”** 1 Corinthians 12 12

## **Future Diary Dates.**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations

Some dates for Christmas activities in school to follow

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 1:30pm – End of Autumn Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Spring Term starts

## **Achievements Assembly**

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

<b>Cygnets:</b>	Miruna Florea
<b>Ducklings</b>	Zoe MacGregor-Smith
<b>Owls:</b>	Currently self-isolating
<b>Mandarins:</b>	Sam Oxspring
<b>Eagles:</b>	Tilly-May Peachey
<b>Robins:</b>	Ethan Cook
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Currently self-isolating
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Mary-Rose Strainge

## **Book Band Ribbons**

Well done to the children who have gained their next ribbon this week.

### **Year 2**

Harry Urriza Rodriguez, Frances Carlisle, Thomas Lishman, Mohammed-Ali Elouahabi