

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents

Thank you

A massive thank you for supporting our annual fund raising Sponsored Walk. We have raised **£2649.15!!!** Your generosity is very much appreciated and we plan to use the money to purchase some additional phonic reading scheme books and new story books for the classrooms.

COVID update

As Covid continues to affect staff and children at Dimple Well School, as well as their families, we are grateful that most are only suffering from the mild version and its symptoms.

In school we continue to reinforce good hand hygiene and avoid mixing with other bubbles in school. The classrooms continue to be well ventilated which, even with the heating on, can mean that the children sometimes are beginning to feel cold. **Please can you send in another layer for them to wear?** This jumper/cardigan can stay in school on the back of their chair so they can put it on when necessary.

Appointments

If your child has to attend an appointment during the school day please can you ensure that you either email a copy of the appointment letter into school or alternatively call into the office to show the letter to Miss Lucas or Mrs Gamble. Thank you for your cooperation.

Non-uniform Day

It is a non-uniform day on **Friday 4th December**. In exchange please can the children bring in something that we can incorporate into a hamper. We are thinking of making the following hampers as prizes:

- Christmas
- Chocolate
- Alcohol
- Pamper
- Boy hamper 3-5 years & 5-7 year
- Girl hamper 3-5 years & 5-7 years
- Fun and games

We are planning to have a Christmas Raffle with the hampers being given as prizes. The tickets will cost £1.00 and will be on sale shortly.

Christmas

Christmas is drawing near!! Who knows what Christmas will look like at home this year but we are trying at school to plan activities and events for the children so they don't miss out – it will just be different.

Christmas dress up day

On Friday 11th December the children can come to school in Christmas jumpers, t shirts dresses or sparkly clothes.

Santa has agreed to visit!!

Santa has agreed to virtually visit the children at Dimple Well School on Monday 14th December. If you would like your child to visit Santa please send £2.00 into school in a named envelope.

Christmas Fayre

This year we won't be able to invite parents to our annual Christmas fayre but we are planning on setting up some of the child centred games and activities in the hall on Tuesday 15th December. If your child could

bring in £2.00 in a named envelope they can visit the fayre with their year group bubble and play all the games set up. These will be cleaned between the bubbles using them.

Christmas dinner

This year's Christmas dinner will be on **Wednesday 16th** or **Thursday 17th December**.

Christmas Panto

We have organised for all the children to watch a virtual panto on Thursday 17th December in the afternoon. It will be streamed into their classrooms and full audience participation will be expected – so children get practising (it's behind you, oh no it isn't, oh yes it is!!!). Unfortunately the Nursery morning children will miss out on this - sorry.

Christmas performances

Due to the current situation we are unable to do any Christmas concerts. We are hoping to record some Christmas songs and put them on a private YouTube channel. **If you do not want your child to take part in this performance you must inform school by email to headteacher@dimplewell.wakefield.sch.uk** If we do not hear from you by Friday 4th December we will presume that your child can take part.

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held **on Friday 18th December**. The children may come to school dressed in their party clothes. The party will take place in their year group bubbles.

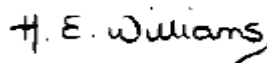
Christmas Cards

Unfortunately we do not want the children to be exchanging Christmas cards in school. We would like to suggest that the children just bring in 1 card (large or small/homemade or bought) for everyone in their class or Year group bubble.

School breaks up on Friday 18th December and reopens again on Monday 4th January.

This has been a challenging year for us all. The staff and I have really appreciated your support and encouragement throughout. We are hoping and looking forward to more positive times in 2021. We all wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs H. E. Williams,
Headteacher.

Dates

Friday 4th December	Non uniform day – bring a hamper gift
Friday 11th December	Christmas clothes day
Monday 14th December	Santa visits - £2.00
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Fayre for the children - £2.00
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner - Class 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner day – Class 1 & 2
	Virtual Panto – whole school
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 29th January	INSET Day – school closed to the children