



Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week
ending
4th
December
2020

Dear Parents

One or two parents have mentioned that whilst the bulletins are useful, it can be tricky to find the bit of information you need or is of interest. Hopefully the words in bold will help a little in skimming through the contents of the introductory paragraphs.

Last week, the Government announced that families are able to create a **Christmas bubble** over the festive period and therefore different restrictions will apply during this time. As parents will understand, we want to do all we can to ensure that all members of our school community are able to enjoy this special time with family members. For some individuals, this will be the first time they have seen Parents, Sisters, Brothers, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Grandparents in many months. Whilst we are due to come out of the National Lockdown period tomorrow, in school we continue to maintain very high levels of cleaning and hygiene, and are strictly adhering to the measures outlined in our COVID-19 risk assessment. We have been overwhelmed by the support of our families over the past months and know that you will continue to do all you can to support the measures we have put in place to ensure that our school community stays safe and well and that we can all spend much needed time with our loved ones.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank our **Year 4 parents** for their many messages of support and encouragement in relation to the home school experience for our children whilst in self isolation. We are of course delighted to see all of the children back in school and it was heart-warming to hear the teachers talk of just how special it was to spend time with the children in this way.

Our **Year One Nativity preparations** are well under way and we plan for a whole school screening of this very special event in the school calendar. It really does mark the start of Christmas! We do hope that this will be a momentous occasion for families and a memory to treasure for many years to come. As well as our Christmas Tree arriving this week, we will be unveiling our **Advent window** on 3rd December as part of Hall Road's 'living Advent calendar' window decorating project. Miss Simcock, Miss Flook and members of their class have been busy preparing the window in readiness for the unveiling. The window will be lit throughout Advent and Christmas and we hope it brings a little Christmas cheer to all who see it.

Phase two of the **school's expansion project** is almost complete and the Old School building has been restored to its former glory (with a few modern touches!). This light and bright space provides the school with much needed additional useful music and drama spaces and well as being flexible enough to use in many other ways. The new roof, windows, decoration and new fittings make it such a welcoming space to be. As soon as the space is officially handed over, we will share photographs of each room with families in our next bulletin. Phase three will commence in approximately two weeks' time which will mean the old hall and rooms along the corridor will be out of action. This space will become six new classrooms – three for Year 6 and three for Reception as well as additional toilets and an outdoor area for Reception. These rooms will be available for the new academic year in September.

In the meantime they would need to serve as offices for our admin team, as Phase 4 works on the main entrance, office spaces and staffroom take place.

FOLPS fundraising

As you will be aware, FOLPS traditionally hold a much loved Christmas Fair in December which is not only a popular event for our children and families, but also a fantastic fundraiser for the School, often raising in excess of £5000. The FOLPS Committee are currently working hard to plan alternative fundraising activities to try and raise much needed funds to enhance the work of the School. To this end, on Friday 11th December, FOLPS are inviting all children to wear a Christmas Jumper, with donations for this event being made online via the FoLPS Paypal account. In addition, families may choose to increase their donation to FOLPS for the amount that they might have spent at the Christmas Fair, had this event been able to go ahead. Any such contributions would be greatly appreciated. To make a payment to the FOLPS paypal account, please:

- Click on (PayPal.me/Folps) or access your PayPal account and click Send and then type in @folps under username/email.
- As FoLPS are a charity, please uncheck goods and services so that the school can receive the full donation.

Raffle tickets for the FoLPS Christmas raffle are available until Thursday 10th December, via the following link:

<https://raffall.com/146269/enter-raffle-to-win-folps-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-toni-wadley>

The FoLPS team would like to thank you in advance for your support of their Christmas fundraising activities.

Best wishes
Sam Porter

Dear Parents

We are extremely excited about our French Christmas zoom club. Please see the flyer attached. We will meet on the Monday 21st December- Wednesday 23 December morning for a fun French lesson learning with Père Noël et le petit Lutin. I will send a craft package to you as well as email activity sheets for the children to do outside of our lessons. On the Wednesday, we'll have an extended lesson to include cooking together.

Do let me know if you'd like more information or to book a place. I will order the Christmas craft next week.

A bientôt
Madame Fuller

Dear Parent/Carer

We're pleased to be able to send you the Nov/Dec Families Gloucestershire digital magazine. It contains useful resources and ideas to help you and your family through the autumn term and to keep your children entertained, busy and productive.

You can read the magazine [HERE](#)

We hope you find it helpful.