



Christmas

Christmas celebrations in school will have to be a bit different this year:

- Online panto: for £1 each, the children will be able to watch an online panto provided by Lancaster Grand theatre
- No Christmas cards: for transmission reasons, children can't bring Christmas cards this year. However, we will be making cards in class so they can hang them on a 'card' tree which will form part of our decorations.
- We will be having a Grand prize raffle and hosting the draw on Facebook live.
- Instead of the Christmas Fair, Children will be busily creating Christmas gifts as part of an enterprise week. They will make adverts/posters etc as part of the project, as well as being involved in the design and production process. These gifts can be ordered and will be 'quarantined' before being sent home.
- Christmas dinner will be on Friday 18 December and all children will be eating in the hall in separate bubbles. This is also Christmas mufti day.
- Nativity: KS1 are busy creating a nativity video that we can privately upload to our YouTube channel so parents can view.
- We will be creating some sort of Carol concert for KS2 – although we are only allowed to sing in small groups. Our plan is to send this link to local care homes to watch, as well as parents.
- We are involved in the 'Cards for Kindness' scheme where we send children's cards to local care homes.

Christmas continued...

- We will be taking part in the Reindeer Rush in aid of St John's Hospice: we are also hoping a 'special guest' will visit us on this day.
- We are holding a Christmas bake off with a difference: as we can't taste them this year, it will be all about appearance with photos emailed in as entries. Further details to follow.

Raffle Prizes

The PTA Board are very busy at the moment planning for the Christmas raffle which will take place on the 11 December. We are looking for raffle prize donations and would like to appeal to parents who have a local business to consider donating a prize please. We understand it has been a tough year for everyone but we are working very hard in the background to support the school and to try and keep raising money. We have recently bought a new play shed for reception and donated a large amount of money to buy new reading books, which will help to enhance the children's development and enjoyment in school. Please let me know via email: catonstpaulspta@gmail.com so we can add to our list of great prizes. Thank you so much for any prizes donated, we will add your name to the list of donators.



Archery

Our Year 5 and 6 children took part in an archery competition yesterday. Expert tuition was given by James and the children then tried to hit bullseye as many times as they could. These scores will be added up and compared to other competing schools to see who is the 'Robin Hood' of the local area.

PTA News

The Art competition went down a treat, what wonderful work by the children. A big congratulations to Emma and Freya who won the competition.

PS - the artwork designs done by the children for the Christmas gifts was fantastic. We have received great feedback from parents about how lovely the gifts are – I will feed this back to the company. Watch out for our next competition, coming soon.

Thanks for your continued support.

Julie, Chair PTA

We are very grateful to our wonderful PTA for continuing to fund essential projects in school. This month, they have kindly agreed to fund the purchase of 500 new KS1 reading books (we hope you are enjoying these) and 35 new Bibles to ensure children continue to be given the opportunity to develop their understanding of Christianity.

Orienteering

As part of your allowed daily exercise, why not think about joining in with the School Sports Network orienteering challenge?

All the information you need is here: <https://www.lhssn.co.uk/news/22316/schools-family-orienteering-challenge> scroll down to the guides and resources section.

It's easy to register and there are prizes to be won. Let us know how you get on.

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week. They have all shown Courage in their everyday lives

Diamond – Sam B for working so hard writing a winter poem.

Ruby – Layla E for being a brilliant independent learner.

Topaz – Anayah A for outstanding improvements with handwriting.

Emerald – Lydia R for such courage when on the canoes. Getting 'stuck in' and showing us her muscles!

Sapphire – Harley C for always being helpful and kind to others.

Amethyst – Georgia T for always giving 100% and for being an excellent eco lead.

VIP hoodies are taken home by a staff member to be washed over the weekend. These are then returned on Monday for the new VIPs to wear for the week.

Library books: a request

We are trying to build our stock of library books to ensure our shelves are full of exciting titles for the children to read.

If you have any books you have finished with, and are in good condition, we would love you send them in to school. We will quarantine and sort through them before use. Thank you!

Worship

This week, we have continued to learn about the Christian value of Forgiveness and how vital it is that we forgive others as God forgives us. We also looked at the Lord's prayer and how we can pray using a teaspoon prayer:

T = thank you

S = Sorry

P = Please