



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few weeks we would have traditionally invited you along to our carol service, plays and choir performances. Unfortunately, this year things have had to be a little different, but as a school we have still focussed on the Christmas story, how we demonstrate kindness at this time of year and made sure that the magic of Christmas, joy and laughter has still filled our school. Mrs Wootton has also worked with the children (and staff) across school to put together our own version of the '[12 days of Christmas](#)'.

Since September, we have carried out assemblies remotely in order to maintain a sense of 'togetherness'. It was lovely to finish the term today by 'visiting' each classroom to learn who had been selected for our praise awards. As always, the reasons why, centred around our core school values – well done to all those children who received awards on this occasion.

I know many of you will miss taking your child to the panto this year, so I am so pleased that the children have been able to experience this in school. They had a wonderful time this afternoon watching 'Cinderella', joining in with 'he's behind you!' and the normal 'boo's', 'hisses', and funny jokes. After the panto they also had a surprise visit yes, Father Christmas dropped by to say hello to each class (whilst remaining socially distanced) and delivered a little gift to say well done for working so hard this term.

In order to see how hard your child has been working, end of term reports will be sent home today via planners. Their report documents progress this term, things they have been learning and areas of focus for the Spring term. Please use the parents section to share any feedback or comments you would like to make.

On Tuesday, we sent out important guidance regarding the reporting of positive cases of Covid over the Christmas period. Please ensure you have read this guidance and inform us of any cases in order to keep everyone safe over the Christmas period and on our return to school.

At the end of a very different term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their engagement, resilience and hard work. I would also like to thank the staff for continuing to provide learning opportunities in school, whilst also trying to provide remote learning for pupils at home. It has been a remarkable year and as a school community we have worked really hard to keep each other safe, as well as provide the best educational experience possible for our children.

I would like to conclude by thanking you, our parents and carers, for your continued support throughout this incredibly challenging time. Your words of encouragement have been much appreciated.

I wish each and every one of you an enjoyable, restful and safe break – I look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Warmest wishes
Mrs Turner

Diary Dates

Half term

23rd October - 3rd November

Term ends

17th December

Spring 2020

Term starts

4th January

Half term

12th February - 22nd February

Term ends

31st March

Summer 2020

Term starts

19th April

Half term

27th May - 7th June

Term ends

21st July

Other closure dates

May day 3rd May

Election 6th May

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd November

Friday 22nd January

Thursday 1st April

Friday 28th May

Please see our online calendar on our website for all our event information

House Points

The house point scores to date are:

Emerald—483

Sapphire—543

Ruby—620

Diamond—437

Attendance for December

Well done everyone with the current situation our attendance is still really positive. Our whole school attendance is 98%.

We understand that some families have had to self isolate this month and we have had the normal coughs and colds!

Praise Certificates

Rosie Elliman RH

Charlie McCann RG

Olivia Sargent 1B

Oscar Guarini 1C

Tegan Gwynn 2G

Emily Willetts 2W

Dylan Bains 3R

Manhar Aulakh 3D

Amelie Jackson 4H

Jack Savings 4W

Ella Watson 5G

Isla Blakeway-Davis 6A

Harry Harvey 6C



Please drop off any used writing instruments at school to be recycled by The Mary Stevens Hospice



Reception Intake Sept 2021

For anyone with children due to start Primary School in September 2021 please take a look at our virtual tour on the Lapal school website link below.

Closing date for Reception admissions is 15th January 2021.

<https://www.lapal.dudley.sch.uk/reception-intake-sept-2021>



For the children's contributions to TT Rockstars battles they got to come in dressed as a rock star to celebrate all their hard work



Thank You!

From all the staff we would like to say a huge thank for all of the wonderful Christmas presents. We really appreciate the kind gestures.



Christmas Tree Donation

Special thank you to Sandvik for the donation of the Christmas tree in our reception area this year.



Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child then please contact our designated safeguarding lead who is Miss Tolley, or our deputy safeguarding leads who are Mrs Turner and Mrs Atkinson.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If we are concerned about a child we have a duty to contact Children's Service, if you are concerned about a child, outside school, then you can call 0300 555 0050 with your concerns and seek advice. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our school website.