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## 7th January 2022 Newsletter

### Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 10th Jan 22	Tues 11th Jan	Wed 12th Jan	Thurs 13th Jan	Fri 14th Jan
Week 2 <a href="#">Menu</a> Parents Meeting 5pm for <b>Juniper</b> Residential				
Mon 17th Jan	Tues 18th Jan	Wed 19th Jan	Thurs 20th Jan	Fri 21st Jan
Week 3 <a href="#">Menu</a> Parents meeting 5pm for <b>Hawthorn</b> residential			Census Day	



Buddy would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!  
He would also like to say a big THANK YOU for all the  
lovely Christmas presents he received.

Next week Bethan from The  
will be in school. She will be  
from Tuesday to Thursday to  
workshops to every class.



Dogs Trust  
in school  
deliver  
The

workshops will be age-  
appropriate and will help our children to understand how  
to approach and handle dogs. There will be no dogs involved with the  
workshops, but Buddy might pop in to say hello to the children. I am sure they  
will be eager to tell you all about it! 🐾🐾🐾

Best wishes, Mrs Morris.

## Parent Carer Forum

Parent Carer Forum are conducting a survey. Please click [here](#) to complete.



Accelerated Reader news

There has been an amazing amount of reading happening just over the last 3 days in school!

All class scores were reset to 0 on our Accelerated Reader display ready for the new term.

This week the top scorers are:  
Most books read: Lime class  
Highest word count: Birch class

★ Congratulations! ★  
Mrs Mistry

## Letter from Mr North

07/01/2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an absolute delight to see so many of our children and colleagues back in school this week. The children have brought our school alive once again, which is always a great feeling. It is clear that they have had a fabulous Christmas break and have been eager to get back into school to see their friends and get back into learning mode. This has been very evident this week especially, with Year 6 dissecting hearts for their

Science work!

We have also welcomed Mr. Codd and Mr. Rafferty, who are covering our Assistant Caretaker vacancy, and Miss Wilkinson, who will be covering Miss Brocken's maternity leave, into school.

Clubs and extracurricular activities start next week, so please do look out for information relevant to this from Mrs Buckland, Ms. Hodge or the admin team. It is great to see so many different clubs being offered and huge thanks go to those staff members who are giving their time to support our children in this way and to Mrs Buckland and Ms Hodge for organising and supporting the clubs too. This term we have Cross-Stitch, Kids with Bricks (Lego club), Mad Science, Netball, House of Dance, Multi-Skills, Tri-Golf (a new club) and Fit Fun (High Intensity Interval Training); as well as Football teams representing school and our region in competitions.

As has become the norm now, the start of a new term / calendar year, means speculation and concerns about COVID-19 and the impact on schools and the wider community. I am very proud of how we have, as a school community, and how we continue to work **together** to overcome the challenges that news / media, conjecture, and genuine anxieties present to us. We continue to support some families who are struggling during these times and also individual or groups of children. Yet again our **resilience** and **respect** have supported our approaches and measures to overcome these challenges and face them with the assured knowledge that we are on the same page and want the best for our children.

I have been approached by one of our parents about the side gate access to school via the Baptiste Church, as this is open for staff access on a Wednesday morning and afternoon. The parent has asked if this can be used on a daily basis by parents (pedestrian access only), Monday to Fridays. I have approached the Church Elders and have sought permission for our parents to be able to use this access to school for those parents who **walk** to school from the direction of A41 Moston Road, Caughall Road, Flag Lane South / North, etc. David Stott, from the church, has agreed for us to be able to use this gate **for pedestrian access only**. The **car park is not available for parents to use to drop children off**. Therefore, from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January the side gate will be opened in the morning for parents, who **walk to school with their child(ren)** to access the school site and for pick up times in the afternoon. Please continue to follow the one-way system, when leaving the school. Thank you for your support and **respect** for this request.

Yours faithfully

*Conrad North*

Headteacher

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### **Leave of Absence Request**

Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless the reason meets the exceptional criteria. In response to your leave of absence request, a decision will be made and a letter sent to you within 5 working days. If leave of absence is authorised, a date to return must be agreed with the Headteacher. A child who is absent longer than the agreed date can be legally removed from the school register and the parent may be liable to prosecution.

When the leave of absence is 'unauthorised' and a child incurs 10 unauthorised absence marks in a term, i.e. five school days, the Local Authority may be informed and a fixed term penalty notice may be issued. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.