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*"Jesus came
to give Fullness of Life"*
John 10 v 10

School Newsletter No: 7

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all your support this half term. We've had a busy few weeks but have lots of exciting things to look forward to!

CHILDREN IN NEED: We enjoyed celebrating Children in Need day and we are pleased to inform you that we raised £393.70! Thank you very much for your donations. The children looked great in their Pudsey Themed clothes and joined Joe Wicks for the final part of his PE challenge.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: As we approach Christmas, we are currently planning COVID-secure ways for the children to celebrate in school whilst complying with Government guidelines. To follow our Covid procedures, celebrations will take place within year group bubbles and will include Christmas crafts, a Christmas party and a virtual carol service with Rev'd Jim. As we are unable to hold our usual Nativity plays, each year group will put a Christmas contribution on Class Dojo for you to enjoy.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: We would like the children to still have the opportunity to exchange Christmas cards with their friends. To do this safely, they will only be permitted to bring in cards for members of their **year group bubble** on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th December. These will then be quarantined for 72 hours before being safely handed out on Friday 11th and 18th December. Thank you for your support in keeping our celebrations as normal as possible.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Every year, you are very generous towards staff, especially at Christmas. We always appreciate your support and kindness. This year, due to COVID restrictions and items not travelling between home and school, we politely request that you do not give gifts to staff. This has also been a financially challenging year for many families and we do not want to put this extra strain on you. However, if you still want to mark the occasion, please consider donating to The Trussel Trust instead. The Trussel Trust run hundreds of foodbanks across the country and is especially important at this time. School has supported this charity in the past; please see their website for more information: www.trusselltrust.org

DROP OFF AND PICK UPS: Please leave the site promptly after dropping off and collecting your children to ensure we can continue to safely follow social distance guidelines.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: Please note that due to the current restrictions we are not able to have individual photographs this year. We hope we will be able to have our group photographs in June 2021. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: Applications are now open for EYFS places for September 2021 for children whose date of birth is between 01.09.16 and 31.08.17. Please ensure you complete the online application form **AND** our supplementary information form as soon as possible. All the details can be found on our website or paper copies are available upon request from the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Please note that unfortunately due to the ongoing changes in government guidance we are unable to offer any after school clubs until further notice. This will be regularly reviewed.

SWIMMING: We have been advised that swimming lessons continue to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions. This will be regularly reviewed.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: May we also ask that as the colder months are now with us that children come to school in clothing suitable to the weather conditions outside and, as the doors and windows are periodically left open to

ensure there is adequate ventilation in the classrooms, that they wear an extra layer of clothing (vest/t-shirt) and/or thick socks.

FAMILY SUPPORT: Please note that if families need additional support at any time they can always speak to Mrs Craven or Mrs Pouncey in confidence or email Alison.craven@idle.bradford.sch.uk, Rachel.pouncey@idle.bradford.sch.uk

As you may be aware, Mr Bowers is currently absent from school and Mrs Pouncey as Deputy Head Teacher is covering that role. To ensure consistency for Lime class they will continue to be taught by Mr Gallagher for the next two weeks.

Yours sincerely,

R Pouncey

Deputy Head Teacher

