Towers Times

Newsletter 11th December 2020

Dear families,

Another week where we have been fortunate to feel the Christmas cheer in school. We have had Christmas Jumper Day, Santa visited each class virtually and our wonderful cooks created a scrumptious school dinner feast! Thank you for sending in your Christmas cards last week, they have been in quarantine for the last week and are now ready to go home.

In order to keep everyone safe, we are continuing to be as vigilant as ever, so that everyone in our school community can enjoy Christmas with their loved ones. To avoid close contact, please email or telephone the schools if you wish to convey a message to us, and please remember to clear the exit as soon as possible. We would also like to remind you, that the Infant gates do not close until 9:10am, this can help families avoid busy periods and queueing in the morning.

Going forward and from next Monday, reading books will now be going home with children. Letters will be sent on Monday, explaining our procedures that ensure that books are safely and appropriately quarantined and distributed. Procedures will vary across the 2 schools because as children progress in their reading, the frequency with which they need to change their books also changes. Please continue to use Reading Eggs as a method of finding new reading books at home - this is a fantastic online resource giving you access to hundreds of e-books at your child's current level, which your child will love to read with you. Any queries please do not hesitate to email and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for supporting the 'I'm a Head Teacher, get me out of here!' fundraiser, organised by Fotfa. The children certainly enjoyed watching their Head Teachers being truly daft, and we had great fun too! Ms Blurton certainly got the tastiest deal with the doughnuts, Mrs Hurley found the baked beans to be, in the words of Pumba, 'Slimy, yet satisfying,' And as for Mr Dineen, well perhaps he should keep the red look! I wonder what challenge we can think of next?

We are very excited to inform you that the Christmas Assemblies have been filmed and are currently being edited - we can't wait to share this with you! We will send you a parentmail when they are available to view on Google Classroom, so do keep an eye on your emails!

Stay safe, and we wish you an enjoyable weekend,
Ms L J Blurton and Mrs C D Hurley
Head Teachers of Towers Infant and Junior schools

Notices

Application for primary schools closes 15th January 2021. Please visit https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20008/school_admissions/479/apply_for_an_infant_junior_or_primary_school_place_for_september

Attendance

During the week commencing 30th November our attendance was as follows:-

NURSERY	97.87%
RECEPTION	96.11%
YEAR 1	99.43%
YEAR 2	97.96%
YEAR 3	96.22%
YEAR 4	97.09%
YEAR 5	96.2%
YEAR 6	95.81%

Additional School Closures

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 18th December and Monday 4th January 2021

Polite reminder

Please do not include nuts in your child's packed lunch due to allergies. This includes peanut butter.

Friends of Towers Fundraising Association

A **huge thank you to every parent, child, teacher and member of school team** who have supported us this year in our fundraising efforts!! We really appreciate it! An update on the funds raised will be provided early next year alongside how this will be used to support the learning of all children in the school.

While we are all winding down for the Christmas break, there are still things you can do to raise money for the school:

- **Start supporting our School Lottery** - Tickets cost £1 with winners announced every Saturday. There is a local cash prize every week and a chance to win £25K jackpot. Sign up at http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk.
- While we still encourage everyone to shop local, a reminder that **if you are shopping through Amazon, consider using Amazon Smile** - https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1037283-0 - if you register to support 'Friends of Towers Fundraising Association' the school gets a donation on everything you spend at no extra cost to you!

Wishing you a lovely Christmas and New Year!