

Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°10)
13th November 2020

- Thank you for the positive feedback regarding the single case Covid-19 letter sent home this week. It reminded me that this was the first since the 23rd March 2020 and how important it is to ensure we all keep each other safe.
- We hope that you found the parent/carer and teacher telephone consultations useful. Please contact the school if you have not been able to make an appointment; the online booking system is now closed.
- On Thursday 12th November 2020, the school photographer was in school to take individual photographs as well as siblings of children that attend Guillemont. We will let you know once they are ready to view and you will be able to order any photographs online through Cardwell and Simons. The school does not process any orders; they are all done online.
- A reminder that the school will continue to operate a staggered finish time. All adults entering the school site must wear a face covering please. The Pinewood gate is closed in the mornings as all children enter the school independently from the Sandy Lane gate – there is no longer a need to operate a one-way system through the school in a morning. If your child does need you to accompany them, please enter the school via reception. The Pinewood gate will be open as per normal at the end of the school day and the one-way system will operate.
- A reminder that if you do need to come into school or on to the school premises including the playground and front entrance path, you need to wear a face covering in line with Government guidance. **This includes dropping off and picking up from BASC because you may pass other parents / carers on the path or near reception.** Thanks for your co-operation.
- Children in Need took place today, Friday 13th November 2020. This year's campaign is entitled 'Five to Thrive' and is focused on boosting children's mental wellbeing. We have created a JustGiving page that can be accessed by clicking on the following link:
[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/guillemont.](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/guillemont)
We are very pleased to report that we have raised an impressive £90.50 in school donations plus an amazing amount of £518.00 that has been donated on our JustGiving page; a grand total of £608.50 So far. We will let you know the final amount in next week's newsletter. Thank you for your kind donations and your support with all the children wearing their PJs today. There was also a really good staff turnout.
- On Monday 16th November 2020 we are celebrating 'Odd Socks Day' as part of Anti-Bullying Week. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school... this includes the staff as well. Hopefully, the day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. If you would like to donate to help the important work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, please send in a suggested donation of £1. A letter was sent out earlier this week with further details. Please do not feel that you have to contribute – you have a choice.
- Our rabbits are looking for a home for the Christmas holidays. You will be provided with everything you need. Please contact Sioux, our Site Manager, if you are able to help. Thank you. The rabbits particularly enjoy spending Christmas away and promise to be extra cuddly with their guests... they said this to me personally!
- Changes to the operational details:
 - We want to safely increase the amount of time children have to play outside at lunchtimes. From Monday the lunchtime arrangements will be amended so that all the children get at least 30 minutes outside safely in their bubbles. The Yr6 will be able to play supervised football if they wish. The Yr5 children will have the small playground to themselves. Yr4 and Yr3 will be on a rota meaning they can use the Adventure Play Area.

- Once a week each year group bubble will complete the 'golden mile' walk around the site. Each bubble will have a different day of the week so please send in a coat if it's cold. Children may be asked to change into their trainers but not their PE kit as it is a walk not a run.
 - Monday EW
 - Tuesday Yr4
 - Wednesday Yr6
 - Thursday Yr3
 - Friday Yr5
- There will be daily activities introduced to support our wellbeing programme. I will give you more information about this next week.
- End of the day: Following a parent suggestion, the collection of Yr3 and Yr4 children will be slightly different. Nothing major, just a barrier to walk round first. Staff will be available to help marshal.
- Congratulations to the following children. They have received their Guillemont Achievement Certificates from their class teachers today.
 - Gerasimos Nicolaidis MK
 - Lily Thomson MK
 - Gabriella Moir ZI
 - Kobe Neeve ZI
 - Jace Cleal LA
 - Daisy Hall LA
 - Isabelle Moore KT
 - Luca Stones KT
 - Sophie Corke SD
 - Jake Boxall SD
 - Taim Abed El Khaleq DB
 - Brooke Cooper DB
 - Tom Robinson MP
 - Charlie Patient MP
 - Natalia Tyrkiel KL
 - Dexter James KL
 - Noah Bradley EW
 - Riley Faulkner EW
 - Isaac Daniels CW
 - Caitlin Barker CW
 - Jake Eaves LM
 - Zara Nawaz LM
 - Ellie Grannell MC
 - Oliver Bloor MC
 - James Marsh AL
 - Orlaith Coughlan AL
- I need to encourage everyone to use the NHS Covid-19 App.
- Thank you again for your continued support.

Best wishes
Denis Foster (Headteacher)

