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# Headteacher's Newsletter

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## General Reminders:

### Healthy Snacks

The children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 receive free fruit every day as part of the government's healthy snacks programme. There is always more than enough fruit for everyone, with a variety of different fruit provided. Children in KS1 and Reception do not need to bring in a snack for breaktime. Children in KS2 are welcome to bring a snack to school for morning break. Please could this be a healthy snack, not sweets, crisps, biscuits etc?

### Homework

Homework is now set via Google classroom. The homework will be set on a Friday and is to be returned via google classroom the following Wednesday. Homework is a vital component so please encourage your child to complete their homework. If there are any issues or questions, please feel free to send a dojo.

### Water Bottles

It is important that your child brings a water bottle into school so that they are kept hydrated throughout the school day. Please ensure that the water bottles are clearly labelled and contain only water.



Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our website to see what exciting events are happening.

Also if you require a place in our breakfast and after school club please make sure that you have booked a place in advance as places are limited!

## This month at Outwood....

I hope you like the new look monthly newsletter?

Every month I will bring you updates and information. Most importantly I will share what has been happening in school, class by class. This month I would like to share what has been happening in our EYFS, next month we'll focus on Year 1 and so on. So please have a look on the next page.

## Ofsted visits Outwood...virtually

On Tuesday we had a virtual Ofsted visit. The inspectors wanted to know the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the school. We were able to share lots of positives such as how well the children, families and staff have adjusted to a new way of working. We discussed attendance, the curriculum, behaviour and safeguarding. We really enjoyed sharing our rich curriculum and how well behaved our children are.

## Thank you!

Again I would like to thank you for your support during these difficult times. Together we can get through this!

## Christmas will look different this year!

This year we are trying to keep the festive cheer as we will not be able to bring you our usual KS1 and EYFS Christmas Nativity performance. Instead the children in the EYFS and KS1 bubbles will be videoing a Christmas sing a long as they retell the Christmas story for you.

Classes will still have Christmas parties and we will still be offering a Christmas dinner. Further details will be sent out soon.

Hopefully you will have seen the letter that we sent out from the local authority this week. After a challenging autumn term, we would like to ensure that as many children, young people and families as possible are able to enjoy a well-earned break without being asked to self-isolate. Therefore all Stockport schools will now close their doors physically on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and not Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> as originally planned. The children will now be offered remote learning for those two additional days using the usual systems so that no learning is lost.

## In EYFS...

The children have been learning about Bonfire night, Diwali and Remembrance Day.

For Bonfire night the children made firework pictures. They built a bonfire using sticks and talked about keeping safe on bonfire night. They also made edible sparklers and used them to draw shapes in the air before eating them.

The children in nursery and reception have also learned about the Hindu festival 'Diwali' this month. They made Rangoli patterns using various materials, they made diva lamps and used henna to make mendi patterns on the children's hands.

They have learned about the brave men and women who went to war, and how we thank them and remember them on Remembrance Day. The children worked together to make a poppy picture and managed a two minute silence when they thought about the brave service men and women.

