



December Newsletter 2021

It is almost time to break up for the Christmas holidays, and what a term it has been. Thank you for all you support this term; it has been greatly appreciated by all the staff. The children have done so well and have really enjoyed all the Christmas celebrations and parties to end this busy term.

The children in Foundation Stage and KS1 have all been able to present their Christmas performances (albeit to a smaller audience than usual), and we hope that the adults who were able to view these performances, have enjoyed them as much as they children did. The children were fantastic - even doing 2 performances to ensure that a parent of every child could watch - we are very proud of each and every one of them.

Once again, our wonderful cook, Mrs Parr, and her kitchen staff have kindly prepared all of the party food for the children's parties and all the children have had a wonderful party with their class. Mrs Parr has expressed how she loves hearing the children tell her about their favourite food on offer when she is serving in the hall - please encourage your children to give Mrs Parr feedback, she loves to hear from them!

Community links

We are delighted that we have been able to start accessing the Warmsworth library again thank you to the kindness of the volunteers and local residents. These volunteers have been superb with the children in 5HK who have visited so far and we have more visits planned for the other classes in school in the new year.

Charity Fundraising

Thank you so much for supporting our charity fundraising efforts this academic year to date - your support has been phenomenal!



Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. As a school, we raised a massive £472.78 for the Royal British Legion to assist them in their continued support of serving and ex-serving men and women and their families.

Children in Need

Once again the children had a fantastic time raising money for BBC Children in Need on Friday 19th November and a total of £550.91 was raised. The children learnt about where the money could be spent and how their fundraising would benefit others.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting Christmas Jumper Day; a total of £393.01 was raised for the Save the Children charity. Thank you again for all donations made.

Portable Defibrillator

We are very fortunate and grateful that one of our parents, with a child in Foundation Two, has kindly donated a portable defibrillator for our school. We are in the process of liaising with St John's Ambulance to ensure we are fully trained to be able to use this defibrillator should the need ever arise.

Safeguarding audit

We have recently invited the lead for Doncaster Safeguarding to visit our school and conduct a review of our policies and procedures, and they were very impressed by our children, staff and our school. Should you have any queries or concerns about safeguarding, please contact Mrs Train as our Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL) or our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads (DDSLs) Miss Nithsdale, Mrs Sharp or Mrs Berry (if Mrs Train is not available).

Natasha's Law

In order to continue keeping our children safe, we are implementing guidance in line with Natasha's Law which came into force on 1st October 2021. Natasha's Law requires all food to be labelled correctly so that no children are put at risk due to food allergies or intolerances. As a consequence, we will not be distributing food that is brought in by children for birthdays etc. This agreement was already in place as part of our Healthy Learning, Healthy Lives accreditation, but we feel that this new law further strengthens the reasoning behind this policy. However, parents may choose to hand out any birthday celebration treats from their children to other parents at the end of the school day, if they so wish - this then allows the parents of the children to make an informed choice.

Any ingredients of any food products that we sell for enterprise events in the future will be clearly labelled to ensure children and parents are fully aware of the ingredients contained.

Household Support Fund

The Government has made **Household Support Funding** available to local authorities so that Doncaster Council can support households who would otherwise struggle to buy food or pay essential utility bills.

Funding is available to pay for food for each child in the household who is **not eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals** where the parent/guardian is receiving any of the following; Council Tax Reduction, Housing Benefit or Universal Credit that includes housing costs in the calculation.

Funding is also available in the form of a **payment of £100 to be used towards the winter fuel bill for;**

- a) parents/guardians with a child/children in the household **eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.**
- b) parents/guardians with a child/children in the household **not eligible for benefits-related Free School meals,** where the parent/guardian is receiving any of the following; Council Tax Reduction, Housing Benefit or Universal Credit that includes housing costs in the calculation
- c) single people and couples with no children who are receiving Council Tax Reduction, Housing Benefit or Universal Credit that includes housing costs in the calculation

This funding can be applied for online by following the link below:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/apply-for-a-household-support-fund>

New School Website

We are delighted to announce that we will be launching our new school website in the new year. Please ensure you have completed the Google Form that has been sent by text message last week so that you can access the new website when it is launched. If you haven't received the link, this link can also be found on our current school website.

Covid 19

We are still experiencing a high number of cases of Covid 19 in Doncaster. As we enter the Christmas holidays, we are aware that some children may develop Covid 19 symptoms over the weekend of Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th December 2021 and may need to take a PCR test.

If you child starts to exhibit symptoms this weekend, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th December 2021, or has a positive PCR result, please email us on the secretary email address: secretary@warmsworthschool.co.uk informing us of your child's name, class, and any details regarding dates of symptoms starting, date of PCR taken and result date etc. We are not replacing the government's Track and Trace, but feel it is important to let parents know of any cases which may affect their child.

Thank you for continuing to support us in wearing a mask, or displaying an exemption lanyard etc when on the school premises - this has made many parents and staff feel safer and more comfortable at busy times.

Dinner Money

Most parents are keeping their child's dinner money account in credit; this helps school a great deal - thank you. If you receive a text or phone call from us to advise you that your child's dinner money account has gone into debt, we would appreciate it if you could pay as quickly as possible.

**We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from all of us here at Warmsworth Primary School!**

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on
Wednesday 5th January 2022.

