

## Message from the Deputy Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

A busy and cold week this week but it has been good to see so many children dressing appropriately for the change in weather. Coats, hats, gloves and scarves are permitted but please ensure that these are named too. The children have all been behaving extremely well and committed to their learning following their assessment week last week. This week year 5 have enjoyed swimming, 4FR have enjoyed choosing the school Christmas tree from Tallington farm and all classes in years 3 & 4 have enjoyed a visit from 'the exotic animal encounter' today where they have enjoyed encounters with a python, tarantula armadillo, kookaburra and many more. It certainly sounded like fun!

We are pleased with the continued use of PurpleMash and ClassDojo; as well as Tapestry in EYFS. It is great to see so much engagement with these platforms and communication with home and school. If you are not yet signed up to any of these platforms please speak with your child's class teacher or the school office. We would be delighted to get you connected within a few minutes, so that you can keep up to date with your child's learning progress.

Next week, we will be publishing our full Christmas festivities plan detailing how we will be celebrating the season safely. Please keep an eye out for this on next week's newsletter. Please do not send any Christmas cards into school until at least Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Sadly, we are unable to provide you with class lists for this due to safeguarding measures in place.

We're nearing the end of lockdown now and as Peterborough has been graded as Tier 2; we will continue to maintain all of the procedures that are currently in place until the end of the Autumn term. This includes:

- The site one way system.
- Face masks or exemption lanyards for all parents and siblings over the age of 11.
- Staggered entry for home time collection.
- Limited entry to the office foyer.
- Social distancing on site.

## Attendance News:

For the academic year our attendance target is 97%. As a school we monitor attendance daily to ensure that pupils in school and making the most of the learning opportunities on offer and make expected progress during the year.

Whole School Attendance: 96.54%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.36%	96.81%	93.77%	97.03%	98.52%	98.44%

Thank you for your continued support with this and for ensuring that even when times are challenging that the education of your children remains paramount.

Have a restful weekend!

Kind regards,

Mr Newstead

## Weekend COVID Updates

If your child or a family member receives a positive COVID test result over the weekend please email or call the school immediately on [office@limeacademywatergall.london](mailto:office@limeacademywatergall.london) or 07907 853657.

## Children In Need Total

Thank you very much to all the families that contributed to Children in Need. The school raised £467.24!

## Christmas Festivities

We are currently working on our plans in school for the festive period. These will be announced in next week's newsletter.

## Exotic Animal Encounter

On Friday, Year 3 and 4 got to meet some exotic animals. We learnt all about Hufflepuff the python, Charlotte the tarantula, Ludo the armadillo, Casper the kookaburra, Maddie and her baby meerkats and some skunks! The children also all got to touch Toby the tortoise!



## 4FR Visit Tallington Farm

On Thursday, 4FR went to Tallington Farm to choose a Christmas tree for the school. It was a chilly morning but that did not stop us exploring the Christmas tree field and learning about the different types of tree that grow there. We also got the opportunity to feed the birds that live around the farm as well as meeting some sheep and donkeys! A big thank you to Tallington Farm for such a lovely day and a beautiful tree!



## PE Kits

PE kits for the colder weather should consist of a black or navy tracksuit with a white t-shirt and trainers. As PE kits are now being worn all day on PE days it is important that this standard is followed; as it is now our alternative uniform. Large logos, patterns and bright colours are not permitted.

## Questions of the week:

We are aware that sometimes it is tricky for children to talk to parents about their learning from the week or that sometimes you get the answer “nothing” for all school questions. Therefore, we are now going to provide a prompt question for each year group every week, so that you can ask your child and get them talking about their amazing learning.

	Prompt for learning question of the week
EYFS	What does the monster say to the dragon in the story Room on the Broom?
Year 1	Can you use some coins to pay for some items this weekend?
Year 2	How many different materials can you name? How many objects can you name made from metal?
Year 3	What are the main food groups?
Year 4	What could you spot along the River Nene?
Year 5	Can you name a physical and a human characteristic of Peterborough? Can you tell me a fact about one of them?
Year 6	Where and when in Britain did the Vikings settle?

## PE Timetable

P.E	Day 1	Day 2
EYFS	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday	Friday
Year 3	Monday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Monday	Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday	Friday

## Dinner menu: w/c 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Monday	Carbonara Macaroni cheese Jacket potato with cheese & beans	Angel delight Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit
Tuesday	Cottage pie Quorn pie Cheese sandwich	Cookie Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit
Wednesday	Roast chicken Quorn fillet Jacket potato & tuna mayo	Flapjack Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit
Thursday <b>Bonfire Special</b>	Hot dog Quorn dog Ham sandwich	Iced sponge with sprinkles Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit
Friday	Quiche lorraine Cheese & onion quiche Turkey sandwich	Iced buns Yoghurt Cheese & biscuits Fruit

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

### CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL FOR THE ELDERLY IN PETERBOROUGH

Christmas is about spending time with loved ones, eating and making memories. The warmth and joy of Christmas should bring us closer together. There is a huge amount of elderly people that will be alone at Christmas; family may not be able to visit or they may not have any.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

This Christmas, help to fill a shoebox with some little things we sometimes take for granted, but to others they could mean the world. Can you fill a shoebox or contribute a few items from the list below? Shoeboxes should be wrapped however accessible to view the contents and labelled whether for a male, female or unisex... don't forget to include a Christmas card with a message.

#### WELCOMED ITEMS:

Toiletries - shampoo, shower gel, soaps etc. Puzzle, reading or adult coloring books. Pens/pencils. Boiled sweets, chocolates, biscuits, treats. Hot chocolate, tea/coffee. Hats, scarf, gloves. Tinned food items. Little Christmas treats.

We will be collecting boxes or donations towards the boxes until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December any donations can be left at the school office. Many thanks for your support  
Suzanne Collins



## UPCOMING EVENTS

9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Starlincs planetarium – Year 5
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Nurse Flu Immunisations
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas, <b>1.30pm finish</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	Spring Term 1 starts