

## NEWSLETTER 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020



### “Head”lines

So, the second lockdown is over and we are in Tier 2: High Alert, as an Area. It is much more restrictive than prior to the second lockdown and I know this will be really hard to keep this up, but we must.

We are trying our utmost to make school as normal, interesting and fun as possible. The Christmas lights are up in my office for a start! Thank you to the Killick family for the Christmas wreath it appears as the backdrop for my assemblies!! We have also had some lovely Christmas cards from the residents of Reynolds in response to the cards and messages the children have sent to them.

In school this week, PE lessons have now moved into the hall (windows open of course) and through the Sport Premium grant we get, Mr Willard has been teaching archery (a child friendly version!) as well as playing games to keep the children active and build up their level of fitness (more news on a whole school fitness activity, next week!). Year 4 have been making cheese scones and had a go at sawing wood with a junior hacksaw this week as well as deciphering hieroglyphics in the woods and visiting the Pixmore Museum of Egyptology as part of their Egyptian day.

Next week, we see Year 3 do their ‘Climate day’. I hear Ms Lyons has put together a very interesting quiz for you to do! However, I think you might need to dress for the Polar climate!!



### PSA

As with all of our activities and learning opportunities, a tremendous amount of thought and care to ensure the children are working in a COVID safe environment, extra cooking and Design Technology hardware has been brought in so that children can have their own equipment (a big thank you to the PSA and MIDs Pest Control for their generosity in helping the school resource this).

The PSA will only be able to help out if they have funds, so if you are able to, please help buy purchasing raffle tickets. The draw will be via ZOOM on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 09:05. A zoom link will be sent by MME so please look out for it. Please make sure to return your ticket stubs to the school office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

If you require any further Raffle Ticket books please contact the school office but equally please return un-used tickets as soon as possible, so we can re-send them out after they have been quarantined for 48 hours.



### Parent/Teacher Consultations

Please don't forget that there is an opportunity for you to speak with your child's class teacher during next week. Sign up is via ParentMail but if you get stuck please call the office. Once you have made your appointment the office will send you the zoom link for your appointment via ParentMail Email, so please make sure that your ParentMail account has your up-to-date email address and that you can access the internet or your phone for these meetings.

Parents and carers of children with additional needs will meet with their class teacher and Mrs Willans (SENCO) at a separate time, which will be communicated to you.

Finally, a plea from the school staff to your family, we would all like to get to the end of term **NOT** having to close classes or Year groups because children and staff need to isolate for 14 days.

The closer we get to the end of term, the closer any self-isolation/illness with regard to COVID will have an impact on our ability to meet with our families over the Christmas Period and like many of you some staff have not been able to meet up with family for most of the year, so please take care. I am attaching a letter from Jim McManus, Chief Public Health Officer and Simon Newland, Chief Education officer with their thoughts and clarity over the Tier 2 restrictions for schools and their communities.



Please join Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Willans at a parent forum zoom meeting on Tuesday 8th December 2020 from 1:15-2:15PM. We welcome an open, honest and friendly discussion about your views on parent's evening, assemblies, communication, home learning, homework and Seesaw. Please feel free to have video on or off during the meeting. A link has been sent via MME.

## Regular Reminders



### School Office

- The school office opens at 8.00 AM and remains open until 4.00 PM.
- The office gets very busy at the beginning and ends of the school day, so messages may go to the answerphone as the office staff are dealing with face-to-face or other telephone enquiries.
- You can contact the school office to report absences by email at [admin@pixmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pixmore.herts.sch.uk), via your ParentMail account or by phone on 01462 620555 and leave a message on the absence option. Please give full explanation of illness or other reason for absence for our reporting.
- Reminder we are a Cash-Free school, any payments required for school activities should be made via your ParentMail account. Please contact us if you require any assistance.



### Medication

If your child needs to take any medication during school hours, please ensure:

- Any adult brings any medication to the school office and collects it at the end of the day
- The adult completes a medication form
- **DO NOT** send any medication in with your child. This ensures that everyone is kept safe, to avoid any allergies or lose.

## Ways to contact us



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## Calendar Dates for year 2020-21

### Academic Year 2020-21

#### AUTUMN TERM 2020

14/12/20	Christmas productions (online)
16/12/20	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day for an optional donation for our School Council's choice of Charity £1.00 via ParentMail
18/12/20	Last Day of Term – Early Finish at 12 noon

#### SPRING TERM 2021

04/01/21	INSET Day (School Closed)
05/01/21	Children return to School
18/01/21	Year 4 – Anglo-Saxon Workshop
15/02/20-19/02/20	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
01/03/21	Year 4 – Viking Workshop
04/03/21	World Book Day
26/03/20	Last Day of Term – normal finish at 3.15pm

#### SUMMER TERM 2021

12/04/21	Children return to School
03/05/21	BANK Holiday (School Closed)
18/05/21	Class Group Photographs
31/05/21-04/06/21	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
21-25/06/21	Yr6 Residential Trip to Butlins, Skegness
16/07/21	Last Day of Term – Early Finish at 2pm
19/07/21	INSET Day (School Closed)
20/07/21	INSET Day (School Closed)
21/07/21	Occasional Day (School Closed)
22/07/21	INSET Day (School Closed)