



Newsletter 6

19th November 2020

This term's core value: Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers

Albeit early, we are really enjoying the sounds of children practicing the Christmas play. We begin filming next week so please send in any items of costume that you have been asked to provide by Monday 23rd November. We have tried to keep this to a minimum this year. If you haven't already read, we are starting early this year as the editing process is very time consuming and we want you to have the link before we break up for Christmas hopefully. To reiterate you will only be able to view the production if you have access to the link; this will not be open to the wider public.

On Tuesday 24th November we will be filming the famous 'snow is falling' dance (families new to the school won't know what I'm talking about but you're in for a treat!). We are not wearing costumes for this but if your children have hats and scarves please send them in with them on Tuesday so it all looks a bit 'wintery' when we film.

Informal childcare

We realise that it's extremely difficult for parents at the moment with childcare, but just a reminder that government law whilst we are in lockdown is that there should currently only be one informal childcare arrangement with another household. Please see excerpted information below:

Parents are able to form a [childcare bubble](#) with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under

Children in Need

We hope the Children enjoyed Children in need day last Friday. There were some very dirty pyjamas by the end of the day so I hope they have recovered in the wash. We have raised a fantastic £587.50 for Children in Need so far; thank you for your kind donations. If you forgot to donate and would like to please go to the Children in Need page on ParentPay to do so.

Odd Socks day

In recognition of anti-bullying awareness the PTA has arranged odd sock day this coming Friday, 20th November. Children can wear odd socks in exchange for a donation which will be shared between the PTA and the Anti Bullying Alliance. Odd socks day is a national event celebrating what makes someone unique; we will be doing work in all classes around this theme on this day too.



A message from Haddenham Parochial Charities

The Trustees of the Haddenham Parochial Charities (consisting of three registered ancient charities: Joseph Franklin (204185), Alms Corn (237265) and Revd John Willis (205529)), now invite applications from the less fortunate residents of the Parish.

The original objects of the bequests were to provide bread and coal for the poor at Christmas, and seed corn on Good Friday. Nowadays the trustees make a gift of money at Christmas time to claimants in need. Applicants are required to be adult residents of Haddenham parish and their names are kept confidential to the trustees.

If you wish to apply, please collect and complete a form, now available in the Post Office, the Medical Centre, the Library and Blooming Fruity for return by 1st December.

If you know of a relative, friend or neighbour who is in need, please let them know about the charities and help them to apply if necessary.

Trustees: Alan Rose 291004, Steve Sharp 290597, John Wheeler 296134, John Wilson 291200

Help for families of Haddenham St Mary's

In the last lockdown we launched our 'Help for Haddenham St Mary's families' campaign. We would like to re-launch this due to the current situation and in the run up to Christmas; we do not want to see any of our families go without so:

Please get in touch if your financial situation has changed dramatically. There seems to be a huge loop hole for families like this and for those who have lost income but who are not yet eligible for free school meals. If you are eligible for free school meals and are still struggling please also get in touch. We are here to support you through the huge kindness and generosity of those who have donated to our 'go fund me' account.

If your financial situation hasn't changed and you would like to, please donate:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-hsm-families-during-covid-19-crisis>

Best wishes



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