



ATWOOD
PRIMARY ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

4 December 2020

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM'S WELCOME

This week appears to have been a more quiet week. We have not had to close any classes and this has been a relief for us all. Despite nearly 7 doors being opened on the Advent Calendars and that dreaded Elf making an appearance, it does not feel like a normal school Christmas. Sadly, we have not been able to sing for a long time, and singing is one of the most special things about any school, especially at Christmas. Our usual Nativity Plays and Concerts have not been able to occur this year either, which of course is disappointing especially for those with children in Nursery and Reception. However, we must stay positive if we are going to emerge from this crisis a stronger and more united school. The children are looking forward to their Christmas Lunch next week, the virtual pantomime and of course a range of fun learning experiences and quizzes and parties.





Coming out of a second national lockdown is welcomed, even though the tier system still places demands on all of us. The news of the long-awaited vaccine in the same week has all given us a feeling of 'light at the end of the tunnel'. For many, Christmas will be a difficult time of the year for many reasons.

Once again we are supporting Purley Food Hub with donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries. Their December list can be found further on in this newsletter. Should we have a good number of donations, we may look into how we can use these to also support some of our Atwood community who may be in need. As ever, your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Veale, Kate Standing, Nina Gambier,
Matt Dench, Hannah Townsend & Michaela Groves
Senior Leadership Team

TEAM POINTS

 AIR	 FIRE	 WATER	 EARTH
126	120	104	98

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The children will be having their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 9th December, subsidised by the school. This is always a very enjoyable event for children and staff alike, and, to add to the festive atmosphere, we would like to invite all the children to wear their Christmas jumpers into school on this day. Jumpers should be worn with school uniform on the bottom half, although the children do not need to wear shirts/ties etc underneath their jumpers.

Jumpers or full Christmas mufti can be donned again on Friday 11th December for the Festive Fun Run (see below).

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Last year we asked the children not to bring in Christmas cards to share with their class mates. This was because the vast majority of Christmas cards end up in land-fill and they often include glitter which is detrimental to the environment.

However, this year, in view of COVID, I think we need a little more festive cheer and so please do feel free to send your child in with Christmas cards to share with their class.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Your child should only share their Christmas Cards with their own class and not anyone else such as a friend in another year group to avoid cross-bubble contamination
- Please encourage your child to write the names and surnames clearly on the envelopes!
- Christmas cards should be sent into school in your child's book bag - please do not hand them out on the way into school or at the end of the day as this goes against our social distancing protocols. Your child's Class Teacher will organise how these are handed out
- **Please only send in Christmas cards from Monday 14th December onwards.**

SPELLING AND GRAMMAR ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Some new resources have been added to Google Classroom to assist your child with their learning. One is a grammar definitions glossary and the other is a spelling list (for children in Years 3-6). These resources will help you to support your child and it will be useful to have these open when they are working on literacy based tasks.

If you have any problems accessing Google Classroom, or these resources in particular, please do contact the office.

NURSERY PLACES

We still have some Nursery spaces available for September 2021. Children must have turned 3 to apply. If you would like to make an application, please visit the Admission tab on the school website to download the application form, which you can scan and email back or deliver to the post box outside the school office. We also need a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of address dated within the last 3 months. If you have any questions, please contact the office on 0208 657 7374 or via the main school email address.

The Nursery 2021 Application Form can be found here:

<https://www.atwoodprimary.academy/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/09/Application-Form-Nursery-Sept-2021.pdf>

GREEN TEAM NEWS

We wanted to share a brief update about recycling since we have been receiving questions about what to do with printer ink cartridges and crisp packets.

Used Printer Ink Cartridges & Branded Toners

We are going to start collecting these once again. They can be left in the labelled container next to the FOAP box in front of the school office. **Branded** toners are worth 50p and some brands of printer cartridges can be worth up to £1.75. Funds raised will go to FOAP.

Empty Crisp Packets

You can drop off crisp packets in the labelled container next to the FOAP box in front of the school office. Whilst Green team is not collecting crisp packets at the moment, Mrs Dobson's mother will be collecting these to raise funds for the Air Ambulance. In order to make this as easy as possible for her to sort, please ensure that you are dropping off empty CRISP packets only (no popcorn etc). She would be extremely grateful if they are flattened, stacked and then folded in half and placed inside another packet. This makes sorting really easy and also helps with packing them up to send off as more packets fit in the box.

Other schemes

If you are interested in other recycling schemes, this group on Facebook collects for approx. 30 schemes and has a number of drop off points:

https://www.facebook.com/TadworthTerracycle/?ref=page_internal

We hope to resume some of the other initiatives that we were involved in pre-COVID at some point in the near future.



PRELOVED UNIFORM DONATIONS

There has been some confusion about whether we can accept donations of the old style school uniform which says 'Atwood Primary School'. Whilst FOAP will not be selling these items on for future wear, you can still donate clothing that says 'School'...just drop them off as usual in the FOAP collection bin outside the office, and these will be placed in the clothing recycling bin. We are grateful for all such donations, which raise money both for the school and for the Rockinghorse charity.

PURLEY FOOD HUB

This year we are once again supporting Purley Food Hub with donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries. Please see their December list below. Adding one or two of these items to your weekly shop can really help families in need. Donations can be left in bags outside the school office. Your support is greatly appreciated.



FOOD LIST – DECEMBER 2020



At Purley Food Hub we provide food and other items to people in crisis. Please consider donating one or more of this month's priority items:

- Cartons of Long Life Whole Milk
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Tins of Plain Meat - Chicken, Ham, Corned Beef
-  Christmas Biscuits
- Tinned Peas and Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Dessert Fruit
- Packet Custard requiring only water
- Tins of Dessert Rice Pudding
- Small Packs/Boxes of Tea Bags
-  Chocolate Treats for Children
- Small Washing Up Liquid
- Adult Toothbrushes

NB: Please note we need **NO MORE Baked Beans** at the present time!

Thank you so much everyone for your support in 2020 - you have helped us provide more than 200,000 meals since 2013.

PURLEY FOOD HUB | Tel: 07546 635295 | Email: purleyfoodhub@gmail.com
Website: www.purleyfoodhub.net | Charity no: 1152807 | Company no: 08557885

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ATWOOD

Preloved uniform, Christmas jumpers/tops, unwanted or duplicate gifts, new or as new games/toys/puzzles etc, good condition children's books items suitable as raffle prizes...

If you have any of the above items you wish to donate you can drop them in the FOAP Donations box at any drop off or collection. We collect these items all year around. All donations are gratefully received.

Clothing, bric-a-brac, adult books...

These items can be bagged and placed in the recycling bins. If you do drop off/collection please use the black bin inside the school grounds. All donations raise funds for the FOAP and Rockinghorse charities.

Festive Sponsored Fun Run & Mufti Day

This is taking place next Friday (11th Dec) and the children can come to school wearing mufti with a Christmas jumper or costume. In return we ask that you make a donation/sponsor via the link <https://buytickets.at/foap/434765> as with other mufti days



Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers

You have until Wednesday evening to order your preloved items so they can be sent home in your child's book bag on Thursday ready for mufti day: <https://buytickets.at/foap/439730>

Glow stocking Fillers

We are still able to offer glow items. Please order before midnight on Friday 11th December and you can collect on Saturday 12th December between 11am and 2pm from school. If you can't collect on that day, you have until Monday 14th December to order. Once ordered please email contactatwoodpa@gmail.com to arrange collection.

<https://buytickets.at/foap/428685>

Tea Towels & Bags

If you missed out or want to order more items we have a limited number for sale. Order early to avoid disappointment! We are unable to offer coasters as these were printed to order.

<https://buytickets.at/foap/460852>

Reindeer Food

Order your Eco and Wildlife friendly Reindeer Food. Orders will either be sent home in your child's book bag in a sealed envelope addressed to parent/carer of... or alternatively you can collect them from school on Saturday 12th December between 11am and 2pm. The final date for ordering is Monday 14th December.

<https://buytickets.at/foap/451993>



Prize Draw

You have until Friday 11th December at 3:00pm to enter the prize draw to be in with a chance of winning one of the fantastic prizes. £2.50 per entry with winners drawn on Saturday 12th December. Get your tickets here: <https://buytickets.at/foap/439056>

Prizes:

- Amazon Echo Dot from Brows by Rupal Morarji

Sport

- Round of Golf for 4 at North Downs Golf Club
- 3 months membership & Kung Fu suit @ School of Kung Fu Croydon
- Round of Golf for 4 at Farleigh Golf Club
- 1 hour 1:1 session with one of our experienced UEFA/FA qualified coaches from SAS Academy
- Paintball, pizza & drinks for 8 at Go Paintball
- 1:1 lesson or month of classes from Flexi Flics Gymnastics

Pamper

- 1 hour massage or party makeover from Lushbox
- Back, neck & shoulder massage at Sleeping Beauty
- Avon Hamper from Paula Wickes
- Scentsy Hamper

Days Out

- Family ticket to Godstone Farm
- 2 tickets to Brighton Sealife Centre
- 2 tickets to Madame Tussaud's London
- 2 tickets to Bocketts Farm



Vouchers

- £10 voucher for food at The Horseshoe
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- £10 gift voucher for Knights Garden Centre
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- £20 Blake's Jungle Voucher

For the Children

- Colour In Playhouse from HobbyCraft
- 2 weeks of dance classes at Boom Arts Academy
- 3 free classes at My Gym Wallington
- Fairy House from Tiny Treetops
- Brainbenders game

Food and Drink

- Afternoon Tea at Farleigh Golf Club
- Gin Maker's Kit
- £25 Cook Voucher

- Pizza & Soft Drinks for 2 @ Pizza Project Cafe
- Coffee & Cake/Pastry for 2 @ Cafe At 412
- Bottle of Prosecco
- Bottle of Red & White Wine

FOAP Dates for your Diary

10th December- Last chance to buy a Preloved Christmas Jumper/T-Shirt

<https://buytickets.at/foap/439730>

11th December- Sponsored Festive Fun Run <http://buytickets.at/foap/434765>

11th December (3pm) - Last day to purchase entries into the Christmas Prize Draw

<http://buytickets.at/foap/439056>

14th December- Last day to buy glow items as stocking fillers

<https://buytickets.at/foap/428685>

14th December - Last day to order your Magical Reindeer Food <https://buytickets.at/foap/448646>

w/c 14th December - Pantomime and Santa Story

ATTENDANCE

	Week ending 27th Nov	Week ending 4th Dec
Infants (highest)	Red & Violet 100%	Green 98.9%
Juniors (highest)	3S & 5S 99.3%	4P 99.3%
Whole School (weekly)	97.5%	96.6%
Whole School (year to date)	96.8%	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some useful dates for your diary for this academic year. Some of these dates are provisional: we aim to keep the dates as they are; however, there might be reasons why we need to amend dates. If this is the case, we will let you know as soon as possible. **Newly added items are in red.**

Wed 9th Dec - Last chance to buy a Preloved Christmas Jumper/T-Shirt
Christmas Lunch Day

Fri 11th Dec – Festive Fun Run & Christmas Jumpers/Mufti (sponsorship to FOAP)
Last day to purchase entries into the Christmas Prize Draw

Mon 14th Dec - Last day to buy glow items as stocking fillers
Last day to order your Magical Reindeer Food

Fri 18th Dec – **END OF TERM**

Mon 4th Jan – **START OF SPRING TERM**

Mon 11th Jan – **Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Checks**

Fri 15th Jan – Monthly Mufti Day (£2 donation to Daily Mile Track)

Fri 12th Feb – **Mufti Day (£2 donation to Daily Mile Track)**

Mon 15th Feb- Fri 19th Feb – **HALF TERM**

Thurs 1st Apr – **LAST DAY OF TERM**