



NEWASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas



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DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Curriculum Core Values - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'



CURIOSITY

RESILIENCE

CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION

INDEPENDENCE

SELF-MOTIVATION



Roundwood's Nativity Performance 2020



KS2 Christmas Showcase 2020



...also don't forget to view our Staff Christmas Message on our website!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our festive Newsletter for December 2020. Thank you to all our parents and carers and to the wider school community for your incredible support during the last few weeks.

Without your patience, resilience and dedication, we would not have been able to ensure that our children were able to enjoy their learning in a safe and secure environment. I hope you have been able to enjoy all of the children's online Christmas performances. I am incredibly proud of this achievement, not only from the children themselves who have worked incredibly hard throughout, but also because without the exceptional support from my staff these wonderful performances would not have been possible.

The whole school wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable break with all your families. We look forward to seeing all the children again for the first day of Term 3 on Wednesday, 6th January 2021.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher



A Thank You from the School



Thank you to all Parents and Carers

We have been astounded at the level of response to the Amazon Wish List, which was set up to receive donations for new books for the school, instead of sending Christmas cards this year. Your overwhelming generosity has been hugely appreciated.

Thank you very much for taking the time to purchase a book from our approved reading list. We will be able to let you know in January the exact amount of books we have received, once we return in the new term.

Thank you once again.



Thank You PTA at Christmas



We would like to thank the PTA for organising with Swantex the delivery of all the children's Christmas crackers again this year. The PTA also provided each child with a chocolate, to take home with them. Thank you.



Thank You to Virtual School, Kent



A huge thank you to **Virtual School Kent** who has generously recognised all of our hard work this term. Five primary schools across the North Kent & Medway area, including New Ash Green Primary, were recently chosen to pilot a short intervention, based on Amanda Peddle's work, linked to her book: 'TAM's Journey - The Beginning'. The intervention is for young people to begin to understand why feelings affect the way we behave, to better manage ourselves because of that greater understanding and to feel happier about things which may cause us to worry. As a thank you, Virtual School Kent have given the school three (very cuddly) toy sloths and three copies of the next book in the 'sloth series'.

Additionally, they have kindly adopted a sloth for the school at Wingham Wildlife Park for a whole year - we plan to display the certificate and photo of the newest addition to the New Ash Green School community!



General Reminders and Notifications



H4, The Artful Dodgers were very excited this week to receive a signed book and Christmas card from Jenny McLachlan, the author of the books, Land of Roar and Return to Roar. The card was signed by all of the characters in the books, which the children enjoyed. The card was received in response to H4 writing to this author explaining why they loved her first book. The author has promised to send the class an early copy of the Battle for Roar when it is published in July.

Reminder: Year 1 Pirate Day: Thursday 7th January 2021

We would like to remind our Year 1 parents and carers that in the new term, the children in R5 and R6 have been asked to come to school on the above date dressed as a pirate. They will be having fun practising their pirate sayings and looking for buried treasure! If you would like further information or have any questions about this event, please contact your child's class teacher via hw@new-ash.kent.sch.uk.



Covid-19 Arrangements Over the Christmas Break

Please be reminded of the arrangements over Christmas, should your child develop **positive** for COVID-19:

Over the weekend of **Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th December**, should a **positive** case be identified, please notify the school via:

nag-covidemergency@new-ash.kent.sch.uk

From Monday, 21st December until the school re-opens for the new term on Wednesday, 6th January 2021, we would ask all parents and carers to follow the contact tracing instructions provided by the NHS Test and Trace service. **Please do not contact the school during this period.**

Further details from the NHS are attached to the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>

E-Safety Reminder - New Electronic Devices for Christmas

As many children may receive new electronic devices for Christmas, we would like to remind all parents and carers of parental control and general e-safety during this time. Thank you.

*We would like to wish all our parents and carers
A Very Merry Christmas!*

Academic Term Dates 2020-2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1 st September and Wednesday 2 nd September
Term 1	Thursday 3 rd September - Friday 23 rd October
HALF TERM	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Term 2	Monday 2 nd November - Friday 18 th December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 21 st December - Friday 1 st January

SPRING TERM 2021

INSET DAYS	Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th January
Term 3	Wednesday 6 th January - Friday 12 th February
HALF TERM	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February
Term 4	Monday 22 nd February - Thursday 1 st April
Bank Holidays	Good Friday 2 nd April and Easter Monday 5 th April
EASTER BREAK	Tuesday 6 th April - Friday 16 th April

SUMMER TERM 2021

Term 5	Monday 19 th April - 28 th May
Bank Holidays	Monday 3 rd May and Monday 31 st May
HALF TERM	Tuesday 1st June - Friday 4th June
INSET DAY	Monday 7 th June
Term 6	Tuesday 8 th June - Wednesday 21 st July

INSET days: In-Service Training Days when children do not attend school

