

Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

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It has been another busy couple of weeks at King's Oak Primary with children taking part in a range of exciting learning activities. Y2 children took part in the Great Fire of London Day last week and had a great day.



It has also been great seeing different year groups using the Food Tech room to make bread and the children's own version of a Bedford Clanger!

## Final Amount Raised for Children in Need

The total amount that we raised for this very worthwhile cause was a huge £569.12. Thank you to each and every one of you for your generous donations.

## **Christmas Jumper Week!**

We have made the decision that because Christmas only comes once a year, we will allow children to wear a Christmas jumper to school every day next week if they wish! This has been decided after popular requests from the children. However, they must make sure that they wear the correct uniform other than the jumper please.

## Eco Councillors - Update from Mrs Bennett

We have now formed our Eco Councillor Team at King's Oak. I had an amazing amount of letters of interest for this role and I was really impressed at the understanding that some showed around issues affecting the local area and the global situations.

These were the children chosen - they all have their badges and we will meet next week for the first time.

Year 6 - Cheyanne & Tia

Year 5 - Anca & Khadeeja

Year 4 - Aliyannah & Julia

Year 3 - Oscar & Macey

We will keep you all updated on what we do as an eco team in the coming weeks.

## Carols on the Playground

Children have been learning a couple of Christmas songs per phase and are looking forward to sharing these with you in the final week of term. During this, our School Council will be selling mince pies at 50p each to help get you all in the festive spirit.

Monday 13th December - KS1 Carols on the Playground from 2.30pm onwards

Tuesday 14th December - LKS2 Carols on the Playground from 2.30pm onwards

Wednesday 15th December - UKS2 Carols on the Playground from 2.30pm onwards

## Dates for your diary

Friday 10th December - INSET Day - school closed to all pupils

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Friday 17th December - last day of term

Friday 22nd July - this is now a non school day. This is because of the Queen's Jubilee falling in the May half term and us needing to put an additional day in for this.

#### Covid Signs - reminder

As a reminder to everyone, the main symptoms and signs of Covid 19 remain:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- As well as these, early warning signs include, but are not exclusive to:
  - Headache
  - Upset stomach and/or stomach ache
  - Sickness
  - Runny nose (this is a symptom more common with the Delta variant)
  - Feeling achy
  - Extreme tiredness

If your child, or a member of the household are showing any of these symptoms, it is really important that the person showing symptoms isolates and accesses a PCR test. If this comes back positive, all who have been in contact with the positive person will need to access a PCR test. The new guidance states that close contacts who are not symptomatic do not need to isolate while waiting for their result. See updated parental flowchart below (and also sent to you separately) for more information.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Morley-Smith Headteacher Designate Mrs McStraw Deputy Headteacher Designate

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