

4th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Another burst bubble – Class 6Y had to close this week and will return on Monday 14th December. We are pleased that no one is seriously unwell. It's a great shame they missed their disco – the zoom one we did wasn't quite the same! At least they have the party on 16th to look forward to!

Disco Divas! There was great excitement today with the majority of the children attending our Christmas disco! As we couldn't mix the children in large groups, all the staff came together to hold separate Christmas discos in each classroom! Thanks so much to all the staff who gave up their Friday evening to provide brilliant entertainment for the children! Thanks also to The Friends for carefully boxing up crisps, sweets and drinks for the children to be quarantined in time for today. It was a huge effort and much appreciated! A staggering **£1,986.35** was raised through donations for this event!

Monday 7th December – raising money for Christmas hampers: On Monday we are asking for donations of money to make Christmas hampers for families in need in our area. In exchange, children can wear their own clothes to school! You can either bring in cash or make a donation online following this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helpforhunger?utm_term=XebvWWAq2

Christmas Pet Competition: The Friends are holding a competition for the best Christmas pet photo or picture. If you don't have a pet, you can draw one! Entries must be received by 14th December and emailed to christmaspetcompetition@gmail.com There are five categories: "Most festive Pet", "Silliest Pet", "Cutest Pet", "Me and My Pet", "My Dream Pet"! To enter, just make a voluntary donation of £2. Please click here to make the donation

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=14818>

School Dog: I have received communication from two parents with concerns about having a school dog. Both parents are happy to proceed with the dog but with special risk assessments put in place. Therefore we will be introducing Mrs Roper's new puppy to the school sometime in 2021. Her name is Willow and she is a cavapoo. Perhaps Willow will enter The Friends' Pet Competition!!

Bike It Crew! The Bike-It Crew had their first assignment on Wednesday – to lock up a bike or scooter with a golden padlock! This week's lucky winner was Tadhg in Reception! Every Wednesday the golden padlock will be locked onto a bike or scooter and you can claim your prize from the Bike-It Crew at home time! We're calling it Wheelie Wednesday!

Wearing boots: With classrooms needing to be fully ventilated with open doors and windows, it is chillier in classrooms. We have already said you can bring a hoodie into school (any colour). Some parents have also asked if their child can wear warm boots. Under these circumstances yes you can, but whatever you are wearing needs to stay on all day (no spare shoes brought in).

Good luck to those attending the Charity Poker Night Final tonight! Over **£2,000** raised so far!!

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards

Kate Baptiste
Headteacher

