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Dear Parents / Carers



**House Cup**

Well done to Cowdray who won the House Points Cup.

**Trug competition**

Thank you for the donations so far in this hotly contested competition! Please also donate an additional item, if you can, to the trug in the school entrance for Crawley Open House.

**Children self-isolating**

Please remember to access the full curriculum on line from our Padlet platform if your child has to isolate and miss school. Most importantly, let us know if you need a printed copy and we will print all the documents and even get them delivered to you. You can then send in work via email, or by hand once isolation is over, and you can use the year group email to ask us questions.

**Pantomime**

Although we are all missing our visit to the pantomime this year we are really excited to share that all the children will be accessing an on line pantomime in the last week of term. The Billingshurst Lions have offered to part fund a pantomime for us and we were very pleased to take up the offer. More details soon and a huge thank you to the Billingshurst Lions!

**Social distancing and mask wearing**

Again, thank you to all those of you who are supporting the work of the school by abiding by social distancing and mask wearing on the school premises. I would remind you that you should also abide by this when outside the school, particularly when waiting to enter the school. Please do not congregate in groups and make sure you maintain 2m social distancing when on the school premises. If you are not able to wear a mask then you must wear the appropriate lanyard. If you are wearing neither of these you will be challenged and potentially be denied access to the school site. We are working hard to keep the school safe and open and need your co-operation to do this. A few parents not abiding by these rules are also causing significant anxiety to other parents.

**Parking**

Some parents are parking outside residents garages in Carpenters. This is blocking access to the garages and is denying one resident access to their garage where they keep the buggy for their disabled child. Please park legally and considerately in the local area and, where possible, walk to school to avoid the difficulties of parking.



### **Christmas gifts for staff**

Some parents have been asking about whether we can accept gifts this year. We can only accept small gifts and we love home-made cards. We cannot accept gifts of significant monetary value. If you wish to give a gift to your teacher, as many wish to, please bring them in by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December so that they can be appropriately quarantined before the end of term. Please do not feel obliged to do so – a simple thank you message means the world – and we recognise many families are struggling financially in these difficult times. Keep the money for your own family's Christmas!

### **BPS News**

Thank you very much for your support so far for our Christmas Trug fundraiser. Two books of raffle tickets have now gone out in all the children's book bags so if you haven't received them please do ask your class teacher or email the BPSCA. Please remember to include your name, address and contact number on the raffle ticket stubs otherwise we may be unable to contact you if you have been one of our lucky winners. If you would like additional books of tickets (we have already received quite a few requests) then please do get in touch by email [bpsca@billingshurstprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:bpsca@billingshurstprimaryschool.org.uk) or via our facebook page [www.facebook.com/BPSCA](http://www.facebook.com/BPSCA)

We are so lucky this year to not only have 21 amazing class trugs, full of Christmas goodies but also two additional prizes - a Series 4 Apple Watch and a FIFA 20 500GB Playstation 4 bundle, so even more chances to win and raise money for the school.

There is also the £50 class prize for the 'Best Trug' which is based on the children's decorating skills. Please do donate an item to your class trug/s if you can and if you have a spare box, can or packet of something, we have a trug for Crawley Open House, a local charity we support which is located just outside reception.

### **Relationship, Sex and Relationship Education and Health Education**

As we move forward with our curriculum design for R, SRE and HE, we are inviting you to complete the attached survey. The survey will take approximately five minutes and will be available until 11 December - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RKKK2NB>. Once complete it will help us identify our children's needs and shape the focus of our curriculum accordingly.

During parents' consultations many of you have commented on a slight increase in your child's anxiety. We have attached our information for health and wellbeing which can also be found on our website under "Support". If you need further advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Williamson  
Headteacher



### **Letters Home This Week**

Year R – Language Screen Letter

Year R – Reading and Writing Workshop Letter

### **Dates for Diary**

**Autumn Term -** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
**Half Term -** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Spring Term -** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021  
**Half Term -** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**INSET Day -** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Summer Term -** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021  
**Half Term -** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**INSET Day -** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**16<sup>th</sup> December -** Christmas Lunch

**17<sup>th</sup> December -** Christmas Jumper / Christmas Clothes Day