

# Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 14 January 2022

## Headteacher's Message: Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! The children have settled back into School and new topics have commenced.

Please can I remind Parents that as from Tuesday this week, pupils who receive a positive lateral flow test but has no COVID-19 symptoms, will no longer be required to take a PCR to confirm the result. Also, from Monday 17th January, pupils who test positive will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 (and they do not have a temperature) eg. if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school on day 6.

We hope to be able to start Spring Term Clubs shortly if government guidelines allow. More information to follow.

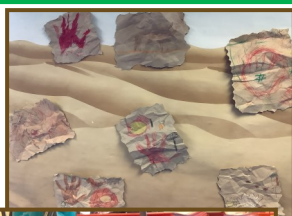
A couple of weeks prior to Christmas Miss Jefferies had a lovely baby girl. Esmae Sienna, weighing 7lb 11oz. We wish them both good health and hope that they visit us in the near future.

A number of new staff have now joined our team in January. Mrs Pollard is working in Year 5, Miss Dickerson is working alongside Mrs Fisher in Year 4 and Miss Thompson is our new SENDCo and works Mondays and Wednesdays (*see below*)

Kind Regards  
Maria Budd

## In school this week...

Mrs Liddiard's class have been doing cave drawings, under the tables for a more stone age experience on how it would have been in a cave!



## Census Day Menu Thursday 20th January

Sausage & Chips  
with  
Baked Beans or Sweetcorn  
Or

Half-filled baguette with Salad

Chocolate Cookie



**If you have not ordered on Parentpay already and your child would like a meal on this day, please contact the school office.**

## New SENDCO - Miss Thompson:

Hi everyone! I'm Miss Thompson and I am your new school SENDCO. I'm here to support you and your teachers to make sure that you have everything you need to learn and succeed in school.

I recently moved to Gloucestershire from Northern Ireland where I started teaching nine years ago. I worked as a class teacher before becoming SENDCO and eventually Acting Head Teacher. I have always had a passion for SEND and strongly believe that every single child has their own strengths and talents. No matter what it is that you are good at or are interested in, I am here to encourage and help you to be the best that you can be. You will often hear me say my favourite phrase: "I believe in you!"

I have lots of interests and things that I enjoy talking about, but my favourite topic is my two sausage dogs Ruby and Tilly – so be sure that you will hear all about what mischief they have gotten up to when you come to see me! I love to go for walks with my dogs and I really enjoy singing, doing yoga and working out in the gym, but you can talk to me about pretty much anything – I love to listen and learn about new things that interest you too!

I will be here every Monday and Wednesday, so if you see me around the school be sure to say hello or stop for a chat. I will be inviting some of you to come and meet me very soon and I am so excited to get to know you all over the next **wee** while! (You'll soon get used to my Northern Ireland-isms!)

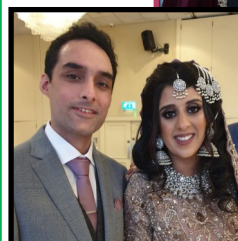
Miss Thompson



## CONGRATULATIONS to Mr & Mrs Ahmed:

It was a beautiful traditional Islamic wedding ceremony and we wish them every happiness in their new life together.

Mrs Ahmed has promised to visit us at some point this term.



**Commendations:** Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit Award winners.

Congratulations also to Sycamore class who won this week's attendance with 97.4%



### Chinese New Year Special Lunch Menu

Please book direct on  
ParentPay by 27th January.

**Thursday 3rd February**

Chicken Chow Mein  
or  
Sweet & Sour Vegetables  
(both served with rice)  
Sponge Surprise

### Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to pupils in Willow, Beech & Sycamore class this week who all came **1st with 100% of pupils** reading at least 4 times each week.

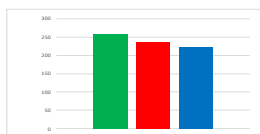
**2nd** - Oak 96% **3rd** - Elm 95.5% **4th** - Birch 94.4% **5th** - Ash 92%

Please can you support us in encouraging your child to read at least 4 times per week & ensure that they bring their signed Reading Records into school. Thank you.

### House Points: Congratulations!

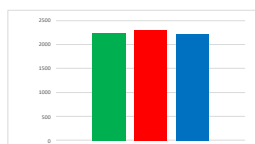
Which house is in the lead so far this term?

- 1st place - Emerald
- 2nd place - Ruby
- 3rd place - Sapphire



Which house is in the lead so far overall?

- 1st place - Ruby
- 2nd place - Emerald
- 3rd place - Sapphire



### TERM DATES 2021/22:

**Term Three:** Tuesday 4 January - Friday 18 February

**Term Four:** Monday 28 February - Friday 8 April

**Term Five:** Monday 25 April - Friday 27 May

**Term Six:** Monday 6 June - Thursday 21 July

**INSET DAYS - children do not attend school**

Monday 6 June

**BANK HOLIDAYS - children do not attend school**

Monday 2 May

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 20 January** - Year 6 Police Online Safety

**W/C Monday 7 February** - Year 6 Mock

