



THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your diary

23/11/2020 - Race to Lapland begins

30/11/2020 - Christmas Card delivery day

07 and 14/12/2020 - Christmas Card delivery day

15/12/2020 - Race to Lapland finishes.

16/12/2020 - Christmas Dinner - an invite for packed lunches to have a dinner will be sent out shortly.

16/12/2020 - Christmas Movie Night (details to follow)

18/12/2020 - In class

Christmas parties - non-uniform/party dress

18/12/2020 - Virtual Christmas Presentations sent

18/12/2020 - Break up for Christmas holidays.



Birthdays this week

Billy W is 5

Jenny N is 6

Happy Birthday!

NYCC have confirmed that they will be issuing free school meal vouchers of £20 a week during the holidays. We will issue Aldi vouchers to those eligible. If your circumstances have changed you may be entitled to **free school meals** and additional funding. Pls enquire if this might apply to your family.

Headteacher's Message

Thank you so much to all the parents who got in touch with ideas and offers of help last week. There were some fantastic ideas and brilliant to have fresh eyes on things. The staff and I also had a staff meeting last night to discuss and plan all things Christmas. There are plans for the following activities:

Race to Lapland (details attached with this newsletter) – with huge thanks to Kelly (Roman's mum) for sending all this through.

Christmas card post box. Please mark envelopes clearly with name and class. Do not lick the envelopes. These will be given out on Mondays only.

Presents for Parents sold throughout December.

Raffle – tickets sold throughout December.

Christmas dinner.

Christmas movie night – 3.30-5.00pm in each class.

Christmas Party.

Virtual Christmas Presentation per class

Lockdown School recipe book – we will ask each family to produce a page during the Christmas holidays and then sell copies of the book in the Spring term.

There will be a virtual PTA meeting via Microsoft teams on Thursday 26th November at 6pm. If you would like to join the meeting please let me know so I can invite you via your email address. **Thank you for the support.** Together we can make sure the children have a fantastic Christmas experience despite the current circumstances.

Ask your child...

Class 1	Can you recall all the number bonds to 5?
Class 2	How many faces does a cube have? What shape is a 50p coin?
Class 3	What can we do to help reduce our use of water?
Class 4	What is air resistance?

Class 1

We have had a fabulous week in class continuing with our celebrations theme. This week we focussed on birthdays. We read the book Kippers birthday as our hook. From this we enjoyed writing party invitations, birthday cards and party food lists. We made jelly in class ready for our own party and discussed the process of dissolving. We enjoyed our class party today playing games together and sharing the food we had made. In maths we have focussed on number bonds to 5 - please practice these at home to encourage your child to remember these mentally. We have played lots of games to help the children to learn these. In phonics we have started to introduce phase 3 sounds focussing on j, v, w and x this week.

Class 2

This week we have been looking at shape in year 1 and exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In year 2 we have been making amounts using money and finding change. You could continue this by playing shopkeepers at home. We have continued writing our adapted Rapunzel story and thought about how to show the characters are good or bad and we have tried to explain the motives behind their actions. We have looked at designing and building a new St Paul's Cathedral using a range of materials and thought about the changes made to the cathedral before and after the Great Fire of London. We have thought about friendships, people who help us and what to do if we are upset for anti-bullying week.

Class 3

In Mrs Smith's literacy, we wrote excellent descriptive sentences to go with our pastel firebirds. We also learned about the different types of triangle in maths and looked at the features of them. We have carried on with our focus on time tables this week and its lovely to see how the practice is paying off. In Mrs Maloney's literacy, we had a 30 word writing challenge, as you can imagine we had to choose each word with great care so we could describe our character accurately. We have also investigated what makes sounds louder, practised some different sewing stiches and started to look at the different people that made up Anglo Saxon communities.

Class 4

This week we have been drawing and measuring angles on a straight line, we have also been subtracting fractions. In literacy we have continued to plan and draft our airship adventure story inspired by the book Cogheart and we have edited and finished our Iron Woman stories. In science we made parachutes to test air resistance, we discovered the bigger the parachute the slower it fell to the ground. We made masks inspired by those used at Maya celebrations, when going into battles to intimidate the enemy or ones used to protect the dead! We have put a few miles in this week running round the school track, a few of us are beginning to see our improvement.

This week in After-School club:

The children have been creating using Hama beads and making some colourful dot paintings. The older children have been miming animals for each other to guess. The younger children have watched 101 Dalmatians while the older children have enjoyed watching operation ouch.

Headteacher Awards



Class 1 – Robyn M
For: always working hard and being such a good friend!



Class 2 – Henry P
For: working hard on his spelling.



Class 3 – Betsy P
For: great attention to detail in all subjects.



Class 4 – Harrison W
For: working hard in literacy using detailed description to add atmosphere.

