



## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Although you haven't been able to come into school and see for yourselves, this term has been wonderful! Your children have coped so well with the routines around the school and are a credit to you. They have amazed us with their work ethic and resilience and we are all very proud of each and every one of them.

2020 has not been the most straightforward year at home or at school and I would like to share my sincere thanks to everyone in our school community who has supported us this year. As parents, your positive and kind messages have really helped the staff to keep going.

I know that our whole school community is hoping for a more settled 2021 although that will, unfortunately, not start straight away. Rest assured that we will continue to do all we can to keep your children as safe as possible and support their learning and well-being.

As a Christmas present to you, our families, I have been making a film so that you can share some of the Christmas activities which have been taking place in school over the last few weeks. The film is on a private account and can only be reached by following this link:

[https://youtu.be/DE\\_Z\\_vJXj9Q](https://youtu.be/DE_Z_vJXj9Q)

The children have all worked hard on their contributions and we hope you enjoy watching so many happy, smiling children.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you all next year!



## DIARY DATES

New dates in yellow

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School opens for Spring 1
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 3 camp fire day
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 6:00-7:00pm	Prospective parents' virtual Q&A session (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PTA virtual meeting at 6:30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Closing date for Year 3 places (September 2021 admissions)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	It is 75 years since the plane crash at Cove Junior School
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mid-year reports issued to parents (more details to follow next term)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Celebrating Cookie and Oreo's birthday <b>(Non-uniform day)</b>
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Cookie and Oreo's 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Year 6 day trip to the Gilbert White Study Centre
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Close for half term holiday @ 3:25pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School reopens for Spring 2
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	World Thinking Day (Children can come to school in their Scouting uniforms)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 Roman Day
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Notification of Year 7 places for Sept 2021
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	World Book Day (Further details to follow)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents' evening 3:45-5:30pm
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents' evening 3:45-5:30pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (further details to follow)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents' evening 5:00-7:00pm
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes for the Easter holiday @ 1:30pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Notification of Year 3 places for Sept 2021
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for Summer 1

## Happy Birthday!

There are lots of children who will be celebrating their birthdays before my next newsletter on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Sara - 8 years old on 20<sup>th</sup> December

Felix - 8 years old 21<sup>st</sup> December

Jack- 8 years old 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Kieran- 10 years old 26<sup>th</sup> December

Emily 8 years old, Ethan 10 years old & Joshua 11 years old 27<sup>th</sup> December

Skye - 11 years old 28<sup>th</sup> December

Evie - 8 years old 29<sup>th</sup> December

Gabriella 8 years old & Malakai 11 years old 31<sup>st</sup> December

Rhys - 9 years old 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Alice - 8 years old 5<sup>th</sup> January

Emmalise - 10 years old 6<sup>th</sup> January

Ben - 10 years old 7<sup>th</sup> January

Rory 8 years old & Jamie 11 years old 10<sup>th</sup> January

Joe 8 years old & Ryan 10 years old 12<sup>th</sup> January

Levi - 9 years old 13<sup>th</sup> January

Alice 10 years old & Willow 9 years old 14<sup>th</sup> January



## Staffing Update

Today, we have said farewell to Miss Sullivan, Hawk's class teacher. She will finally be able to live 'full-time' in her new home and we wish her every happiness for the future. In January, Mrs Louisa Mulvey will be joining us as the new class teacher in Hawk class. She has been in to visit several times and is really looking forward to joining us.

Today is also Mrs Taylor's last day with us. She has been one of our lunchtime supervisors and we wish her the very best for the future. Mrs Victoria Davenport will be joining our lunchtime team in January.

## Covid symptoms or positive test results

The disruption to school through positive test results has been minimal and we hope that it will remain that way next term. However, there are still actions to take during the Christmas holiday if your child does become unwell.

Please may I remind you that if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms within 48 hours of finishing school for the Christmas break and your child tests positive for Covid-19 on or before Thursday 24th December 2020, you must notify us at school.

Please contact the school, as soon as possible, at [office@cove-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:office@cove-jun.hants.sch.uk)

If your child develops symptoms, or anyone in your household tests positive, after Christmas Day, please also let us know as they may still be self-isolating at the beginning of term and we will need to make arrangements for remote learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners from our Christmas Hamper Raffle. The winners were:

Adult prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> prize hamper - Lola-Grace (Merlin)

Mixed hamper - Matthew (Comet)

Tea and biscuits hamper - Oliver (Comet)

A bottle of wine - George (Lightning)

A bottle of wine - Olec (Spitfire)

A bottle of wine - Chloe (Raptor)

Child's hamper: David (Comet)

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the plane crash

On 18<sup>th</sup> January 1946, we will be holding a history day where the children will learn about the history of our school. This is to mark 75 years since a Dornier 335 plane crashed into the school playground.

Not only will the children be learning about this event, they will be learning about how our school has changed over the years. If you, or any one in your family, came to Cove Juniors in the past, we would love to get in touch with you so that we can share your memories with the children. Please get in touch with the school office if you can help us.



## A message from Cove Parish Children's Team

Oops! The three kings are following the star to find the new baby prince but they seem to have lost their way! They have been wandering round Cove in confusion, and need a bit of help. Can you and your family join the search parties at St John's church to find them on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January, anytime between 10:00am to 3.30 pm? Follow the trail through the churchyard to find the QR codes which will link you to the Three Kings, and answer the quiz questions they give you. There will be the opportunity to sign up after the trail has been completed to receive a small reward for taking part.

You will need to bring a pen and paper and of course a phone that can scan QR codes. This is an outside Covid-safe event for families (no unaccompanied children, please). The event is free and should take between 20-30 minutes.

## Christmas Jumper Day

It is always very humbling to see how generous our school community is, especially at a time when life is tricky for everyone.

Last Friday, we were able to raise £205.84 and this has been sent to the Save the Children Charity. Many thanks for your kind contributions.

## Pupil Librarians

Thank you to all of our new librarians who have been doing a fantastic job this half term. The library is looking amazing and is always really well organised thanks to their efforts.



## Golden Ticket Winners – Lightning Class

Congratulations to Freya, Genesis, Ellena, Finley, Dougie, and Ryson. Their comments included: being polite and helpful; settling into a new school and joining in with the other children as if she has always been here; always joining in; being kind and helpful to everyone; and always being happy, smiling and helpful.

