



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Sierra Leone Donation**

As we now use Little Wandle as our approach to phonics, we have invested heavily in new reading books which carefully match the scheme. We have a surplus of old reading books which are no longer relevant, so we have decided to donate them to children in Sierra Leone

### **PCSO- Red Base**

The Red Base children loved meeting Lyndsey our PCSO this week and learning all about how the police keep us safe. Some of the children said, 'this is the best day ever' and they enjoyed switching on the police car sirens.

### **6R/O Visit**

The children in 6R/O had a brilliant and memorable field trip this week to see first-hand how our city is protected through flood defences as part of their topic in Geography. Mr Kemp's Class will go on the same visit next Tuesday. thankyou to Mrs Robinson for organising.

### **Space Centre Year 5**

Well done to Miss Thompson's Class who enjoyed a fantastic visit to the National Space Centre this week. The children were an absolute credit and I want to thank them particularly for how well they coped with the delays into the city on their return due to the terrible factory fire. They showed such maturity, and we are extremely proud of them.

### **Lap Tops – Every Child Connected**

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, we have been allocated **30 laptops** for children to use at home to help them with their learning. These would be loaned to you and remain property of the school but are intended for children to use at home. If your child does not have a device at home and you would be considered, please can you contact the school office so we can allocate to those most in need. If you can let us know no later than **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

### **Pupil Premium and Free School Meal Vouchers**

For those children that are eligible for Free School Meals (not universal KS1) we have heard from the council this week that you will receive a £15 food voucher per child eligible over the Christmas Break, Half Term and Easter. Mrs Garraway will be organising this for the families we have registered.

### **This week's Bag for Life question**

This week's Ronnie Respect Bag for Life question is on the theme of our behaviour to others and linked to the work we have been doing as a school around White Ribbon Day. Take some time to discuss the question as a family on this chilly weekend! **Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2:** *What is your favourite way to show love and kindness and to your friends and family?* **Year 3 - 6:** *How can we respect other people's personal space?*

### **Get creative for our community this weekend**

We are part of the amazing #wemadethis project to make Christmas decorations and cards to send to care homes across the city to spread some much needed Christmas cheer. We would love it if you and your children could make some Christmas decorations and cards which will be sent out across the city in the coming weeks. You can make as many as you wish, or even just one! Please bring any of your festive creations to school by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December so we can begin to send them out. Happy crafting

### **Enterprise Fair – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be running our Enterprise Fair slightly differently this year and having an event just for the children. This will take place during the school day and the classes will visit the hall to view the stalls and purchase the home-made things on offer if they wish. I know you as parents are always wonderful supporters of this event but unfortunately, we cannot permit the volume of parents into the building this year in the way we have done previously due to Covid precautions. Instead, you as parents will be able to purchase anything your child may have made by sending in some money with your child on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We will send more details nearer the time.

### **COVid Update**

Public Health updates this week have informed us that rate across the city are now above the National Average with highest rates in children. As a staff team we continue to test twice weekly and are wearing masks within the communal areas. The focus on regular handwashing, ventilation and additional cleaning remains.

We have a small number of cases in the wider school community and 'Warn and Inform' letters have been sent to anyone who may be classed as a contact. We continue to be extremely vigilant in school to do all we can to combat any potential transmission.

We always seek the most up to date advice from colleagues in Public Health and the advice remains that if your child has any of the following symptoms then they must seek a PCR Test . The most common symptoms are:

- **A temperature or 37.8 degrees or higher;**
- **A new continuous cough;**
- **A change to or loss of taste and smell.**

However, the most reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt. **This must be a PCR Test.**

The Lateral Flow Tests are only to be used for asymptomatic and not symptomatic cases. You can contact via email during out of hours by emailing : [Claire.mudd@hcat.org.uk](mailto:Claire.mudd@hcat.org.uk)

### **School Menu Next Week**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<b>ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY</b>
Chicken Curry Served with Vegetable Rice	Toad in the hole with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.	Cheese and Tomato pizza Curly fries and Beans	Roast Turkey Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Seasonal Veg	Fish & chips served with mushy peas or beans bread and butter.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deli Bar</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Homemade Bread</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jacket Potato</b> <b>Cheese, Beans, Tuna</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Asstd</b> <b>Sandwiches/wraps</b> <b>Ham, cheese, Tuna</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fresh Fruit Salad</b> <b>Yoghurts</b> <b>Jelly</b> <b>Cheese &amp; Crackers</b></p>
<b>VEG OPTION</b> Pasta in Tomato sauce	<b>VEG OPTION</b> As above with Vegetable Sausage	<b>VEG OPTION</b> As above	<b>VEG OPTION</b> Veg Sausage Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Seasonal Veg	<b>VEG OPTION</b> Vegetable nuggets served with chips, peas and bread and butter	
Chocolate berry sponge & custard	Wellington Sponge and Custard	Fruit Flapjack & Custard	Coconut Jam Slice	Cooks Mix of Friday Treats	

#### **Key dates:**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Enterprise Fair

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – F2 performances

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Red Base performances

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Year 1 singing performance

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 performance

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Party day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December- Carols around the tree and last day of term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School Re opens

**Many thanks for your continued support,**

**Mrs Claire Mudd and the Wheeler Team**