



## Newsletter – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Happy Christmas and New Year 2022

I would like to pass on my warmest wishes to you and your families as we come to the end of what has been the most challenging of terms. We started in September full of hope and optimism for a year ahead which would bring our children continuity and normality. As the year draws to a close, we are now faced with yet more uncertainty about what the future holds. We do not have any 'inside' information so the plan for us to carry on as we always have, whilst having a contingency plan in place should the Government inform us otherwise.

Our children continue to bring us joy every day and have worked so hard this term. We were proud to show Ofsted how resilient our children are, how we work as a team and how a sense of family is at the heart of all we do. Although we haven't been able to do things in the same way as in the past due to Covid restrictions the children have still enjoyed special times and there has been much laughter around the building. It is a privilege to share these moments with your children. The performances have been superb, the Christmas lunch delicious (thanks to the catering team) the Enterprise Fair a triumph and I am sure next week the parties will be fabulously festive! Thank you for all your continued support throughout this term and for your understanding when we have had to adapt plans due to evolving situations. This week we asked the children what they most wanted Christmas – there overwhelming response was to spend times with friends and family (maybe the odd X Box thrown in) so on that note hold those closest to you dear, and may you have the most wonderful Christmas.

### Party Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

The children can come dressed in their party clothes on Monday. They do not need to bring in any party snacks or drinks as these will be provided.

### Laptops and Devices

A few weeks ago we put in the newsletter about our allocation of additional laptops. We only received one request so still have several devices to allocate. Today you will receive a letter asking if you need further support with technology so that we can update our records and allocate any devices that may be required.

### Enterprise Fair

We are delighted to announce that the Enterprise Fair raised just over a £1000 last week. What a tremendous effort by everyone. The children will now be deciding how they will spend their profits.

### Marvellous Me – Parent Communication APP

Families who have not yet signed up to Marvellous Me should have received a letter this week with further joining instructions to enable you to sign up and access information (including performance links). We are aware that there are a few parents still having difficulties signing up for their child. If you are experiencing any issues, please speak to your child's class teacher who can give you support.

### Poetry Competition

Well done to the winning children:

KS1 – Annie P (Yr2)

KS2 – Annie B (Yr 4)

Parent and child winners:

Mickey and Mum (Yr1)

Evie T and Mum (Yr 4)

## Goodbye and Hello

Mrs Robinson will be sadly leaving us at Christmas after working at Wheeler since 2004. She has been a fantastic teacher and valued member of staff. Her passion for reading has had a wide impact across the school and she has touched the lives of many children- past and present. We wish Mrs Robinson luck and happiness as she embarks on the next chapter of her adventure and thank her for her dedication and hard work.

Mrs Moate who has led EYFS and Red Base for the past 16 months, will be leaving us next week. She is passionate about children getting the best start to their education and has enjoyed working as part of the EYFS Team. We wish her continued success and happiness for the future and thank her for her hard work.

We welcome Mrs Rebecca Kenyan who will be joining the Wheeler team in January. Mrs Kenyan is an experienced teacher who has worked in both Hull and the East Riding.

## COVid Update

We still have a 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. Any group that has been affected and identified as a possible close contact have been advised to seek a PCR test and remain vigilant and take lateral flow tests for 7 days following contact. Lateral flow tests can be used daily to check for any presence of covid in asymptomatic children and adults and is a useful way of identifying cases early and preventing the spread.

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) or [paula.scowen@hcat.org.uk](mailto:paula.scowen@hcat.org.uk)

### Key dates:

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

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December- Final assembly and school closes

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

Many thanks for your continued support and very Happy Christmas

**Mrs Claire Mudd and the Wheeler Team**