



## Newsletter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Nativities and Concerts

We are planning to go ahead as planned with our concerts and performances (Covid rates permitting) as we feel it is so important for you to share in the 'joy' at seeing your children perform. We have been discussing this as an authority and with Public Health. We will be asking parents to wear a face mask throughout the performance and to complete a recent lateral flow test prior to the concert. We will also be limiting the number of adults and ask **that only 2 adults per child** come to watch a performance. A further letter will be sent from the year group teacher next week which will ask for you to book your places in advance. Only adults with an allocated ticket will be permitted to attend each performance.

The performances are planned to take place as follows:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Blue and Green Base (10 am and 2pm)
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Red Base (10:30 am- 2pm)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 (10 am and 2pm)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 (10 am and 2pm)

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

A reminder that it is our Enterprise Fair next Friday. The children are busy making all kinds of festive treats to sell. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase any treats then please send them with some money next Friday (coins please if possible). We are sorry that we cannot open up this event to parents this year.

### Poetry Competition

Miss Owston, Miss Kennedy and Mrs Robinson have launched a poetry competition this week and are asking the children to compose a poem about 'Life at Wheeler'. The closing date for entries is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Come on budding poets – lovely prizes await the winners.

### Year 4 Wreath Making

Thank you to Riverside Neighbourhood for providing Year 4 with the materials to make their Christmas Wreath. They are absolutely beautiful, and I am sure you will love them hanging in your homes.

### Year 6 Visit – Railway Children

The Year 6 children are going to the theatre on Monday **FREE** of charge -thankyou to Children's University for choosing our Wheeler children for this special experience. The children will be leaving school at 1:30pm and are due to arrive back at 4:30pm.

### Festive Walk to School

**On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** the children can come to school wearing festive clothing such as a Christmas jumper or festive hat. We are encouraging children to walk to school on this day as part of our healthy school's award.

### CLUBS /Tuition

Next week will be the last week for all after school clubs other than the paid after school club which will run until the end of term.

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

Here is our BIG question this week, which is all about respecting our local area. We've been thinking lots about the area around our school this week this week, planning crafts to make some of the members of our local community smile so our question for you to consider this week is: Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2: **How can you help look after your local community?** Years 3-6: **Do people have a responsibility to the area they live in?**

### Packed Lunches

We have noticed a few children have been bringing in sweets or fizzy pop into school. This is not part of our policy on health eating so please help us by making sure that your child does not bring fizzy drinks or sweets into school to eat at lunchtime.

## COVid Update

We 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 see a PCR test and remain vigilant. Lateral flow tests can be used on a daily basis 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:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Enterprise Fair and Festive Walk to school day (can wear Christmas outfit)

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**