



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Advent Calendar**

This week we began our school Advent Calendar. The children have made wreaths for their classrooms, written their Christmas wishes, attended a zoom service, and completed an Advent Treasure Trail around the village. They have also been busy making gifts. We are so pleased they are enjoying the activities and we're all looking forward to next week!



**School Dinners**

From January, school dinners will be provided by a different catering company, Baileys. We are taking this opportunity to introduce hot dinner options for the children once again. Baileys use their own booking system but the school will continue to use Parent Pay for other payments and communications. Details on the Baileys booking system, meals options and some FAQs will be shared with parents next week. Please look out for this important information. In the meantime, you can find further information here:

<https://www.baileys-catering.co.uk/>

**School Council**

The School Council have organised their own Christmas fundraising this year. They are fundraising towards an activity wall in the playground. Each family will have brought home a 'A Cracking Covid Christmas' card today. Each square on their card is sold to friends and family for £1. On **Wednesday 16th December**, Mrs Horrocks will draw the winner. Anyone with the chosen picture will win £6. Please try to sell all sixteen squares. All money and grids, including those with unsold squares, should be returned in a named envelope with your child on the day of the draw. Good luck!

**Government Guidance**

While lockdown restrictions have lifted, Warwickshire remains in Tier 3. The majority of our families live in the village and we ask that you follow the Tier 3 guidance, including the guidance not to meet those outside your household. This guidance does include children of any age and is due to be reviewed shortly.

# TYSOE NEWSLETTER

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**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Our Christian core value is Creativity

Edgehill	Windmill	Sunrising
80	94	88

<b>* Star of the Week *</b>	
Beech	Mia
Oak	Daniel and Perdy
Rowan	Lauren G.
Silver Birch	Louisa
Willow	Sasha and Jimmy

**Online Safety**

National restrictions have meant many children have had an increase of screen time. Online games, social media and video chat programs are providing opportunities for children to connect with and play with their friends, parents and relatives during this time. However the pandemic may have introduced younger children to social networking tools that were not designed for them. We would like to update you with some of the safeguarding concerns and signpost you to trusted websites where you can learn more. We have noticed a notable rise in children using apps which are not age appropriate.

- TikTok (age 16)
- WhatsApp (age 16)
- Instagram (age 13)
- Fortnite (age 12)
- Among Us (age 16; the concern is that the chat option is open and not private)

We have become aware of children playing games and watching films with an 18 rating too. We urge you to regularly check in and monitor your child's online activity so that children are not being exposed to unnecessary stress or find themselves in a position where they don't feel safe. Agreeing on a time limit for screen time can also help children to become more aware take more control of their time online

Useful websites to visit for support:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/>
- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>
- <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/membership>
- <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

### Canvas bags

Thank you to everyone who has bought our beautifully decorated canvas shopping bags, and for the lovely comments. Each bag costs £5 and the funds raised will go directly to the school in place of the raffle money usually raised at the Christmas performances. Every child has their self-portrait and name on the bag. Great for Christmas gifts! And perfect for eco-friendly wrapping! If you wish to purchase a bag (or two!) please send in the correct money in a sealed envelope with your child. Please label the envelope with:  
Child's Name and Class  
Number of bags requested  
Payment included

Paige Neale - Head of School

<b>TERM DATES 2020/2021</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> December	DBE Christingle Service
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Songs
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch – Menu attached
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes after Registration in the afternoon. <b>Beech and Oak Classes collected at 1:15pm</b> <b>Rowan, Silver Birch and Willow at 1:25pm</b> The children will be dismissed to parents from their usual location. The bus will depart at 1:30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec-1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Christmas Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Inset Day
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
31 <sup>st</sup> May-4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Half Term

### Community News

#### Charity Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees for sale in aid of Cancer Research. Roses Farmhouse, Epwell Road, Upper Tysoe CV35 0TN.

Trees available now for collection or free local home delivery. 07961 805661.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Reeve for the tree kindly donated to school for the children and staff to enjoy.



#### Brigade Uniform

**Parents Direct Delivery to Home Service\*** – Order by Monday 7th December for delivery before 31st December, Orders received after this date will be delivered week commencing 11th January 2021.

**Parents Direct to School Delivery Service\*** - Order by Monday 7th December for delivery into school before the end of term (18th December). Orders received after this date will be delivered into school week commencing 11th January 2021.

**Christmas Closure** – Brigade will be closed from midday Thursday 24th December until Monday 4th January 2021.

### Silver Birch Wreath



#### Staff Gifts

The staff are acutely aware of the challenges facing many families at Christmas this year and have requested that this year parents and children make a donation to the local foodbank in place of Christmas gifts to the staff. Keeping our families safe, well and supported is our priority this Christmas season.

#### Scavenger Hunt

Silver Birch Class enjoying the scavenger hunt organised by Miss Aries. More photos and information about Advent activities in next week's Newsletter.



*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, volunteers and parents to share this commitment.*