



# PEARL HYDE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 04/12/2020



## CHRISTMAS AT PEARL HYDE

We have spent this week sparkling up the school with some fabulous artwork the children have prepared. The school looks super festive.

Please can all the children wear their Christmas jumpers or a Christmas top/t-shirt/sparkly clothes on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** as we have something very special we are preparing for you!

Children can bring Christmas cards into school for friends. These will be stored in mini Christmas post boxes in each classroom. The last day cards can be brought into school is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. They will then be given to children in the last week of term.

Don't forget, we will be having our Christmas meal in school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## ADVENT CALENDARS



Thank you to everyone who donated an advent calendar. A member of our parent community organised a collection of them for disadvantaged children across the city. In total they collected a staggering 2,300 calendars!!! That is 2,300 smiles that person brought to children's faces on the 1<sup>st</sup> December!! They wish to remain anonymous but we think they are an amazing super elf!

## NEW VIDEO CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL

We have a new video on the home page of our website showcasing how wonderful and special our school is. Please promote our school to any families you know who have children starting school in September to help keep our intake high. The closing date for applications for children starting school in September 2021 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Applications can be made online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

## ATTENDANCE SUPER STARS

We would like to highlight how fantastic our attendance has been since we came back in September in light of the current situation. Compared to many schools across our city, we have not had to send a significant proportion of children home, which is an amazing achievement for us all and must be commended. We have kept all our year groups in school, with the exception of one class in Years 5 and 6, who were only off for a few days because the positive COVID case occurred outside of school. As a community we have worked together to ensure all our children and staff are kept safe and we thank you for your support.

From the recent Parentview questionnaire that we did, a number of you commented on the drop-off and collection procedures and asked why we could not allow our wider school community into the grounds. The protocols we have in place continue to work well for us. We are clearly doing something right as shown by our attendance. Changing our procedures at this stage will increase our exposure to risk and this is not something we are willing to do. We continue to review our protocols and will make adjustments when appropriate.

In the meantime, please continue to stay safe, be vigilant and be considerate to each other at these critical times of day.



## NOVEMBER

Whole School Attendance  
96.32%  
(Ofsted target 97.0%)

### **Highest Attendance**

EYFS & KS1 – Miss Pryke's Class 97.79%  
KS2 – Mr Steggles' Class 98.87%

### PERSONALISED TREE HANGINGS FOR SALE

One of our Year 5 pupils has designed and is making festive tree hangings to raise money for **Children in Need**. They can be personalised and she is selling them for £1.50, with all proceeds going to Children in Need. If you would like one please contact the school office. We will ensure COVID safe transfer of money and decorations.



### PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS

When parking please consider the safety of our children and be respectful of our neighbours. DO NOT block driveways, park on a bend or park on yellow zig zags.



### SPORTS NEWS

We are pleased to be able to announce that when we come back after Christmas we will be trialling some after school sports clubs. Initially they will be open to children in Years 5 and 6 only, but we hope that if they are successful we will be able to open them up to other year groups later in the spring and summer terms. The clubs will be run by Mr Jardim and Mr Wale for a maximum of 12 children each. All activities will take place outside. Sport is such a big part of life at Pearl Hyde and we can't wait to start enjoying it again and celebrating our successes.



### CHANGES TO 2021 NATIONAL CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS

The government has announced that it is removing some of the national curriculum assessments next year. They recognise the challenges that primary schools are facing in light of the ongoing disruption caused by COVID-19. They have decided to focus on the most important summer assessments. This means the following for our pupils:

- There will not be any KS1 tests (Year 2 will not have SATs)
- Year 1 will have the phonics screening check (and Year 2 children who have not met the expected standard)
- KS2 (Year 6) will have tests (SATs) in maths and reading but not SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).
- There will still be Teacher Assessments for KS1 and KS2

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Wear your Christmassy Clothes to School and last day to bring in Christmas Cards

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation Save the Children)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Training Days

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – First Day New Term

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