



# Newsletter

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**Headline!**

**News!**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Goodness me it has been cold these past few mornings! It has been great to see that despite the cold, most of you are continuing to park sensibly around the area. Highways have opened a consultation with our neighbours and we hope to have the results and a plan to improve this soon. Please continue to park safely and ensure the paths are clear for our families who walk to school.

It has been a wonderful week in school with so much to celebrate. Firstly, the Y5/6 football (see below for more!) and then so many children achieving wonderful things! I was blown away by Mrs Chadwick's phonics group which I led on Monday who taught me everything they have learnt, Apollo writers who have been improving their handwriting and were sent to me to show off, children in Zeus completing some assessments in preparation for their SATs in May, Athena's problem solving skills in maths, Poseidon's work with Mrs Evans, Ares research on earthquakes and volcanoes with Mrs Mehta, Iris class adapting to their new task board timetable and Demeter working so hard to settle and ensure they are ready for learning throughout the day. It really is a joy to walk around and into classrooms. Next week, Mr Blight and Mrs Popat (our new School Improvement Leads for InMAT) will be visiting and I can't wait to show them how fabulous our whole school community is.

School Council have also been busy making plans and this will be shared with you all over the coming weeks.

Once again, Hall Meadow is thriving and with the support of the whole school community, is making huge strides to ensure the children enjoy a wide range of experiences whilst they are with us.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

## COVID

This week we have welcomed back staff and children who have suffered from COVID and related illness over the festive period. However, we have also had children test positive this week. There are many of the 'back to school bugs' going around at the moment but please be sensible, ensure your child takes a LFD test and if necessary book a PCR.

We are continuing with our mask wearing and hygiene procedures in school.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19:

### **New Guidance from PHE**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

### **Football**

On Monday, I had the pleasure of attending the Northamptonshire County Finals of the Year 5/6 football with our school team. Having already participated in the district competition in September and winning the group, the team were set to face all of the winning teams from across the whole of the county. In the blistering cold, they played four matches; losing one, drawing one and winning two. The results were announced and we went head-to-head against a Northampton school- Boothville. We scored two terrific goals in quick succession but were unfortunate to then concede two goals. This draw led us to be crowned as joint 5-place in the County Finals! All of our children demonstrated such determination and resilience throughout the competition and should be super proud of their efforts!

We all had such a great afternoon; especially Mrs Davidson who enjoyed a warm coffee and a kit-kat from the club-house.

Miss Letts

Along with Miss Pallett and Miss Letts, the whole school community are immensely proud of our footballers. Children from 273 primary schools were offered the chance to play in the football tournament, so to reach the county finals after their success in Kettering and to come joint 5<sup>th</sup> is an incredible achievement.

Katie Brown (Chair of LAC), Helen Williams (CEO) and Linda Brooks (Chair of InMAT trustees) have all asked me to pass on their congratulations to everyone involved including the parents who were able to transport and support.

Once again, well done everyone!

Mrs Bodman-Knight

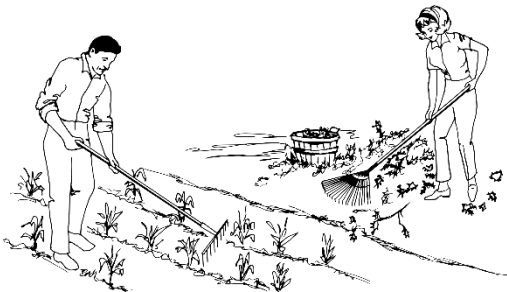




## Queens Jubilee

We reported that Mrs Mehta had been successful in her bid for some tree saplings as part of the Jubilee celebration. We are expecting the delivery of these in March and these will form part of our legacy in creating areas and extending the forest area for current and future children

HELP  
WELCOME



## The fenced areas on the field, including the Forest area.

Thanks to your support of the PACT Christmas events, we are able to start the development of the fenced areas alongside the school field.

As I am sure you are aware, we have a forest area at the end of the school field. Mrs Mehta and I are keen to develop this further with the help of PACT and the whole school community. We have started planning and over the coming weeks will share with you not only our plans but how we aim to implement some of these over the coming months.

If any parents would like to be part of developing this area, please do get in touch.

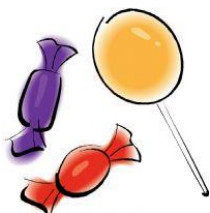


## Violin, Viola or Cello Lessons

NMPAT currently have a space available for a Violin, Viola or Cello lesson. Lessons will take place every Tuesday. To book a taster session, please contact the office and we will contact the Tutor to arrange this.

For further information, please email NMPAT directly at [office@nmpat.co.uk](mailto:office@nmpat.co.uk) or contact them by telephone on 01604 637117.

A flyer is also attached for your convenience.



## PACT

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January, PACT will be holding a Sweet Tuck Shop, instead of a Cake Sale, on the playground after school.



	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Iris class theatre visit</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Feb - PACT Bingo Evening</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Feb – National Online Safety Day</p> <p>Ares class assembly – date TBC</p>
<p><b>2021-22</b></p>	<p><b>Term 3</b>  Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Training Day  Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School open to all pupils  Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – End of term</p> <p><b>Term 4</b>  Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Training day  Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School open to all pupils  Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – End of term</p> <p><b>Term 5</b>  Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils  Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – End of term</p> <p><b>Term 6</b>  Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Training Day  Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School open to all pupils  Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term</p>