



Welcome back to ALL classes
Mini-Newsletter **December 2020**

Thank you, most sincerely, for your continued support over this extremely challenging period and with the added issue of no heating in school. As you read this mini newsletter, please be assured that the safety of the children, families and staff is always at the forefront of whatever we do.

Good to Be Green Treat

Our splendid activities that we usually provided to celebrate good behaviour cannot go ahead due to covid-19. So, we have an alternative as we still believe that good behaviour has to be acknowledged. If your child has not received any behaviour cards this year so far in school and have attended school, they will receive a Christmas mug with hot chocolate and marshmallows to prepare at home with your help! If your child has been self-isolating due to Covid-19 but has been in school apart from this reason, as well as stayed on green, they will be receiving the treat. Please remember that the children who get the Good to be Green Treat have also had to be on roll at The Grange Primary School all term. For safety reasons, I can assure you that staff who will prepare the mugs will have followed all health and hygiene procedures and the mugs will be quarantined in a separate area for at least 72hours before given to the children by the staff in their class.

100% Attendance Badges

As we continue to deal with these uncertain times, we will not be handing out 100% attendance badges this year. Attendance has been harder to monitor this year with the different codes on the register we have to follow for different absence reasons associated with covid-19; this varies from medical and illness to self-isolating and suspected cases of Covid-19. This has made it very difficult to show who has 100% from attending school as some of these absences are authorised. Thank you for your continued support in our quest to continue to keep our school open.

Christmas information

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and following strict safety measures, we will **NOT** be accepting Christmas cards and presents for other pupils or staff this year. We would however like to bring the Christmas spirit to school in some way, so we are trying to organise a virtual Pantomime for the children to enjoy in school. Children will still make cards, calendars and decorations in their classrooms. It feels like we are being 'The Grinch' but trust us, we are not but rather are taking every precaution so no one falls ill so we can all enjoy Christmas and the days to follow healthy! Selection boxes will also be quarantined and delivered to each pupil. Christmas Jumper day will take place on the last day of term, Thursday 17th December 2020. Please note the various times for the different year groups for this day:

Thursday 17th December		
Year Group	Start time	End time <i>All children will have lunch in school before going home</i>
F1	9:15am	12:15pm
F2	9am	1:45pm
Year 1/2	9:15am	2pm
Year 3/4	9am	1:45pm
Year 5/6	8:45am	1:30pm

We wish you all the best as you prepare for the festive season, working out all the logistics of who you will or are able to share this period with. All the very best for a wonderful Christmas and we shall see the children back in school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**, hopefully for a better and safer year!

From the Administrative Team