

It has been a very quiet week this week, until the return of Year 3 and 4 yesterday - now we know who makes all of the noise and all of the mess!! However, in all seriousness, it was great to have everyone back in school! I have been really proud of how the children in Year 3 and 4 coped with the last two weeks learning at home, I think it must have been the entertaining zoom chats in the morning that was their motivation!

This week we have welcomed Jim to the team as our new caretaker! Jim lives in the village and is already getting into the swing of how things work at school. It is great to have someone in the village keeping an eye on the school for us!

A big thank you to the Hawtin family who have this week purchased log seats for the children in nursery to sit on. For those without children in nursery, the children are spending a lot of time outside, from registration to listening to stories. They have previously been sat on small cushions so this is a great addition to the garden! Thank you so much to the Hawtin Family for this very kind donation.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the class Christmas Hampers! In return the children really enjoyed dressing in their home clothes or fancy dress for the day – never before have I seen so many Elsa's in one school!

Very Sadly, Mrs Bowmar-Scothern will be leaving us next Friday. We are very sorry to say goodbye to Sonia, but wish her well in her new school. I know all our children will miss her as much as we will. As you know Mrs Bowmar has been running our afterschool club this term as well as continuing with breakfast club. We are sorry to say that from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November we will no longer be able to offer afterschool care to our pupils, at least until the end of this term. We are hoping that by January we will have found someone to run the club, but it is proving tricky in these Covid times and at the moment we cannot compromise our 'bubbles' as cases are rising. Let's hope that things improve soon. Breakfast club will continue for those key worker families who are already using it.

This week I have been busy planning how Christmas will run in school this year. It is certainly going to be different but I have guaranteed to the children that it will be just as fun! Watch this space for details!

### **Message from the FOSS...**

A big old thank you to everyone for your lovely donations for Mufti Day and for the class reps for helping to coordinate the themed Wish Upon A Star hampers ... things are all a bit different this year so we really do appreciate your help with embracing the changes and getting on board with it all!!

### **Wish Upon A Star raffle**

Tickets will be available online from 1st December. With 30 AMAZING PRIZES up for grabs from power tools to pamper hampers, golf days to a £50 Kings Head meal vouchers and only 500 tickets available the odds of winning are really good. More information next week on how and where to buy!!

### **Syresham School Tea Towels and Coasters!**

Last call for tea towels and coasters is Tuesday 24th November via our PTA-Events page [bit.ly/FOSSteatowels](http://bit.ly/FOSSteatowels). They really are a lovely keepsake and make an excellent gift for grandparents ... so don't forget to place your order!!

The FOSS will be meeting on Monday evening at 8pm via zoom (login details will be shared on WhatsApp on Monday) to finalise our plans for the Syresham Elf Trail and the end of term. We have been working closely with school to come up with a whole range of fun festivities for the children, to try and make Christmas 2020 as special as we possibly can! We look forward to sharing our plans here next week!

Have a good weekend  
Take care and stay safe  
Mrs Clough

**Headteacher Awards this week**

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| <b>Reception</b>    | - William & Elsie  |
| <b>Year 1&amp;2</b> | - Amelia & Alissia |
| <b>Year 3&amp;4</b> | - James & Tabby    |
| <b>Year 5&amp;6</b> | - Emilia & Sonny   |

