

Thank you to everyone's support this week. It is fair to say that as a staff we are pleased to get to the end all in one piece! We have been really impressed with the Year 5 and 6 children who have continued their learning at home. They have worked really hard with the support of the staff helping them via seesaw and zoom sessions. This weekend the school is being 'fogged'. This is a cleaning process that will see a high powered mist sprayed onto surfaces, including walls and doors. We usually have this clean in the holiday, but under the circumstances thought is appropriate this weekend. We have also stepped up our risk assessment this week, limiting contact between bubbles when inside. This will remain as we move into next week. The risk assessment is a working document that I use to keep the children and staff safe, enabling me to react to events as they unfold and put measure in place. I have also been supported by the local authority as we move through these challenging times.

We are looking forward to welcoming the year 5 and 6 children back to school on Monday. Children may return to school if they are feeling well and do not have any covid symptoms. Any child who is unwell with covid symptoms must have a PCR before they return, otherwise as long as children are fit and well they may return to their learning with their friends on Monday.

This week we have begun THE NATIVITY!! We are all very excited that Nursery, Reception and KS1 children will take part this year. It is a 'Right of passage' for all of the young children in the school. The show will go on, no matter what!!!!

I would like to draw your attention to the Reception and KS1 parents evening taking place on the 2nd December at 6pm. This will be an evening led by myself and the class teachers, where we will share the way that phonics, reading and early skills are taught and how you can support your children at home. This will be a really valuable evening and will allow us to share how we can work as a team to encourage your children in the best way possible. The meeting will last no more than an hour and we will provide you with tricks and resources to help your children.

School photo reminder, you have until 28th November to order your photos on line at www.nathanallanphotography.com

I hope you all have a good weekend, see you next week!
Mrs Clough

A Message from the Friends of the School (FSS):

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our Christmas hamper raffle. We have had some fantastic donations and are looking forward to making up some amazing prizes.

Nurseries fancy dress day will be taking place on **Monday 22nd November** and **years 5/6** will be taking place on **Thursday 25th November**. We kindly ask you to donate a suitable item.

Nursery - Christmas Eve Box
Year 5 - Christmas Hamper
Year 6 - Port and Cheese

Brackley Round Table Santa Collection

Santa will be travelling around Syresham and Whitfield on **Monday 6th December** from 6pm - 8.30pm on his lovely flashing sleigh!

We're delighted that the money raised will once again go to Syresham School... But we will need some handy helpers to come and collect door to door.

Meet time is @ 5.45pm at the Syresham sports & social Club. Depart 6pm, finish in Syresham around 7.45pm then on to Whitfield and finish at around 8.30pm.

This is a really great fundraiser for us but more importantly I know this is something that the children of the village REALLY look forward to!

Syresham Christmas Lights and Elf Door Trail Friday 10th - Saturday 11th December.

We're absolutely delighted to announce that Alexander & Co and MA Refractions Inspections Ltd have kindly offered to sponsor this event... which means we now have a creative crack team of Santa's helpers lead by Tina Nesbit, busily creating a wonderful Elven Village which will magically appear at 4.30pm on Friday 10th and hopefully stay with us until 9pm on Saturday 11th December.

On Friday 10th December from 5.30 -7.30pm the FOSS will also be hosting a mini Christmas market in the playground, with Carol singing at 6pm and stalls selling mulled wine, hot chocolate, warm sausage rolls and Christmassy bits and bobs for the children... as well a Christmas Hamper raffle and a stall run by our school council.

Trail maps will be available to purchase in the playground at pick ups on Friday and from Syresham Post Office from the beginning of December.

We will need 2 volunteers from each year group (excluding committee members who will already have their hands full!) for a 30 minute shift on a stall to make a success of the evening... so please let you year rep know your availability ASAP!

Those of you living in the village that would like to get involved... we would ask you to make an extra special effort with you Christmas Lights this year to make it even more magical as the children explore the village!

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS:

- Nursery:** Edward
- Reception:** Leyla & Oliver
- Year 1&2:** Paige
- Year 3&4:** Isla, Ted & Ameilia
- Year 5&6:** Emily & Otis
- Values Award for Generosity:** Lily-Ann, Isla & Bethany



Birthdays this coming week:

Mollie and Fern