

## STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

### **EYFS**

We have been reading the story "Kipper's Toy box" and practising our counting of objects by counting all the toys in our own toy box. We have been putting our phonics skills to use and have been writing letters and invitations during our play.

### **KS1**

We are getting really confident with our subtraction and have been trying harder sums in maths. In English we have been making story maps to write our own stories based on our class book "Traction Man". We have enjoyed making the final touches to our cars and will enjoy playing with them soon at home.

### **Christingle Service- EYFS / KS1 Children**

Please can KS1 and EYFS children bring their costumes in a named bag on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> as we will be filming the nativity on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> in normal clothes to be worn underneath their costume.

### **KS2**

The children have all worked really hard this week – we've been practising our division skills in maths, our persuading skills in English (just in time for Christmas) and our creative skills in Art as the children start to transform their papier-mache balloons into theatre masks. The countdown to Christmas has definitely started – we've been practising our Makaton carols, and we're still trying to work out the puzzle of why some of our Christmas lights are working and some are not. It's proving to be a useful opportunity to practise the skills we've been acquiring during our electricity lessons, but (at the time of writing this) it remains an unsolved mystery. Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

### **Connecting Classrooms**

At the weekend, Miss Tordoff met with our connecting classrooms partner schools in York and Nepal. We are looking to share our culture and everyday life for pupils to see the difference of schools across the globe. As a result, we would like to invite parents to take part at home. For this, we are looking at creating short videos of an aspect of daily life to be filmed in order to share with the schools taking part in the project. This could be anything from sporting activities, weekly shopping trips to going for a walk in the local area. If you would be interested in taking part, please could you record a video and send it to your school office which will be shared with Miss Tordoff who will send the video clip to our project schools to share with their pupils. By sending this clip, you are agreeing to the video being shared with other schools to use in their setting in York and Nepal. The video will only be used for learning purposes to allow pupils to learn about different cultures.

If you have any further questions, please contact your school office and Miss Tordoff will get back to you as soon as possible.

### **Christingle Service**

The Christingle service this year will be online using Microsoft Teams on 16th December, a link to attend the service will be sent out before this date so all can enjoy this event. The children will not need to stay in school for this Service, they can watch the Service from home with family members. An afterschool club will still be available for those who require this provision.

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### **Mental health qualification**

As part of mental health awareness, we have been signposted to this amazing opportunity from the Aim Group to gain a qualification in mental health. The qualification is all question based, no exams or essays and it takes 6 weeks to be completed, taking between 15-30 hours. The work is completed via an online platform, therefore a computer or laptop will be needed. There is also the addition of 2 workbooks to be completed, with them needing to be submitted at the 3- & 6-week stage. There is tutor support throughout for any help and guidance

Please watch this video giving more details: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFh3rTZkJSA>

**Withdrawal fee of up to £150 for non-completion without genuine reason. Please note that school takes no responsibility for this payment upon incompletion of the course.**

If you would be interested in beginning the process to gaining a mental health qualification, please follow the link below.

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### **Christmas Lunch**

On the 17th December, the children and staff will be having Christmas Lunch prepared and cooked by our wonderful cook, Mrs Meadowcroft. Some of our pupils stay packed lunch and it would be wonderful if they would be able to join us in having a cooked lunch with the rest of the school. If this is something that your child would like to do, please would you let me know. I will add them to the days lunches.

### **Christmas Party**

The School Christmas Party will be held on the afternoon of the 17th December the same day as the Christmas Dinner. Children can come to school in their Christmas party clothes for some festive fun.

# DIARY DATES

<b>Non Uniform Day</b>	<b>Christmas themed non uniform day</b> - 11th December 2020
<b>Church Services and Performance</b>	<b>Christingle at Stillington</b> - 17th December 2020 @ 4.00pm
<b>School Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 17th December 2020
<b>School Christmas Party</b>	<b>Thursday Afternoon</b> 17th December 2020 (can come in party clothes for event)
<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Christmas</b> - 18th December 2020
<b>First Day</b>	<b>Spring</b> - 5th January 2021
<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Spring half-term</b> - 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>First Day</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Easter</b> -26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>First Day</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
<b>Last Day</b>	Summer half-term 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>First Day</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Last Day</b> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021