

STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

KS1-Infants

This week we have been learning about forces in science, this will help us with our DT throughout this topic when we are making our own toy vehicles. We have been making our own narratives for a superhero story and learning numbers to 10 in French.

In Early Years we have been reading our new class story "On a Sudden Hill" and exploring imaginative play with junk modelling such as cardboard.

KS2—Juniors

We've had a very busy week in the Juniors. We are getting to grips with the very grizzly tale of Odysseus as part of our topic on the Groovy Greeks and we've been finishing off our addition and subtraction work, ready to move onto multiplication and division next week. We're really happy to welcome Phoebe and Edward to our class – we're delighted to have them join us and I know we will make them both feel very welcome as part of our Stillington family.

Christmas Cards

After careful consideration, we have made the decision to accept Christmas cards in school. Pupils love sending and receiving Christmas cards and we want them to celebrate at this challenging time. In order to ensure the cards are safe for distribution within school, we will have two **Mondays** where pupils are invited to bring Christmas cards in to be posted in a post box where they will be isolated for 7 days and redistributed the following Monday to ensure they are safe for all pupils.

The dates are as follows:

Monday 30th November

Monday 7th December

If pupils hand them in after this point I am afraid we will not be able to send them out. If any parent does not want to receive any Christmas cards from the school please can you let the class teacher know by emailing the school office. **Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact your school office who can clarify any queries.**

Connecting Classrooms

I am delighted to inform you that we have been accepted by Connecting Classrooms to run a project as part of global learning with a cluster of schools, containing of: Dunnington and Wheldrake Primary Schools and three schools in Nepal. This will give us the most wonderful opportunity to work on projects with children in other schools and in another country focusing on two concepts: 'Mental health and well-being' and 'Zero Waste'.

Two of the schools we are connecting with in Nepal are situated in Bhaktapur and the third is in Kathmandu. We have had correspondence with the schools and they have shared their learning experiences with us which has then been shared with our pupils. We are very much looking forward to developing our pupils knowledge of diversity and community across the world.

Governor News

We are really pleased that further to the recent letter inviting nominations for the Parent Governor vacancy, we received one nomination - Sian Lacy, who is duly 'elected unopposed' to the Governing Board, for a term of four years.

I am sure Sian is looking forward to the challenge ahead, and we hope that she will find the role interesting, worthwhile and rewarding.

You can find more details about the Governing Board and the work we do on the School website.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Steph Rutherford, who is a qualified teacher. She will be delivering interventions within the junior class as part of the COVID Catch up Funding, that is provided to all schools by the government.

Christingle Service

We are pleased to share the news that our Christingle Service will go ahead this year. Our Service will be online using Microsoft Teams, a link to attend the service will be sent via the bulletin nearer the time. Some of the songs will be pre-recorded for the Service, other parts will be live.

We are aware that some of our parents / carers have not given permission for videos to be taken and shared online of their children. If you have previously not given permission, and would like your child to take part in this Service, please can you email the office by Friday 20th November to give your consent.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be taking place on Tuesday, 24th November between 3.30 and 5pm and Thursday, 26th November between 5pm and 7pm. Mrs Collingwood will be phoning during next week to organise a time slot for your telephone appointment.

DIARY DATES

Parents Evenings	Telephone & Microsoft Teams Only 24th November, 2020 (3.30pm—5.00pm) or 26th November, 2020 (5.00pm—7.00pm)
Church Services and Performance	Christingle at Stillington - 17th December 2020 @ 4.00pm
School Christmas Lunch	Thursday 17th December 2020
Last Day	Christmas - 18th December 2020
First Day	Spring - 5th January 2021
Last Day	Spring half-term - 12 th February 2021
First Day	22 nd February 2021
Last Day	Easter -26 th March 2021
First Day	13 th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	3 rd May 2021
Last Day	Summer half-term 28 th May 2021
First Day	7 th June 2021
Summer	Last Day - 23 rd July 2021