



Newsletter No.5

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a good half term break, the children have come back to school fit to learn and keen to keep 'soaring to success' this week. Despite the cold, wet weather there have been lots of smiles.

The half term ahead is an exciting one. We are delighted to have a number of year groups heading out on trips, it has been such a long time and the children are very excited. It will be a great opportunity for them to experience their school learning in the wider world and in some cases use public transport and explore our wonderful city. The school staff have worked hard to plan these trips to ensure they are both safe and exciting and we look forward to hearing about and seeing pictures of what they do on their return.

In school there is much to look forward to as we prepare for Christmas. We are planning events and hoping to welcome parents in to school where appropriate, if covid restrictions mean that we need to change our plans we will ensure that we can share as much as possible with you. We continue to work with the local authority on looking at local and school case numbers and adjusting our risk assessment accordingly.

The teachers have undertaken parent's consultations with many of you to discuss your children's learning this week. This is always a positive experience and we thank all parents who have engaged in this process. If you have not been able to attend or missed your slot do contact the school office and your child's teacher will contact you to arrange an alternative appointment. Collaboration between home and school is key to supporting learning and we value your time in this process.

Across the school the children have been working on Christmas card designs this week for the annual collaboration with FABs. Information regarding ordering options will be sent out once designs have been finalised and shared with FABs but from what we have seen you are in for some festive treats. The designs are fantastic and the children have been working hard to ensure they are happy with them, lots of snowman drawing practise and grin one year group and green fingerprints in another have been witnessed this morning!

Sticking with a creative theme there has been lots of fantastic work going on both in school and at home over the last half term. On the second page of the newsletter you will see work that has really caught our eye. Firstly work from home with Year 3's amazing Stonehenge sculptures. The substitutes for stone are very varied and creative, well done year 3! Secondly work in school with year 6's rather amazing clay work depicting coastal scenes. The attention to detail and craftsmanship is absolutely fantastic as I'm sure you will agree.

As the children are settling in to this school year we ask that reception and key stage 1 parents begin to drop their children at the KS1 gate where the member of SLT stands and let them walk to class on their own. This is a positive step towards independence that the children enjoy and allows them to feel a little bit more 'grown up'! SLT are always available to support if needed and as we saw with last year's reception they do take to it very quickly.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to continuing to work with you and your children as the term progresses.

Best wishes,
Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney



Stunning Stonehenge sculptures made at home by Year 3



Creative coastal clay work in school from year 6