

# NEWSLETTER

December 2020 Issue 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

I must start by saying THANK YOU! The last term has been an amazing success, thanks to the children, staff and parents who have worked tirelessly to ensure that providing a consistent education for the children has remained the number 1 priority. Looking back to September, I don't think I had envisaged it being quite so busy but at the same time so rewarding. The past several months have showcased the true community spirit of our amazing school, it has shone through and I have never been more proud of calling myself the head teacher of Sopley Primary.

Each and every day, the children have wowed me with their determination and positive attitudes. They have taken COVID-19 in their stride and have not once grumbled at the 'new school systems' especially the constant hand washing. The staff team have excelled and have worked incredibly hard to make school a safe place whilst maintaining a fantastic standard of learning for all of the children. I know you will all join me when I say a huge WELL DONE because they have remained resilient and dedicated even during some unprecedented times.

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and myself and the team are looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Helen Morris

## **Gifts**

Every year, the cards and gifts we receive from families always humble the staff. I know the staff send their thanks and wish you a Merry Christmas.

## **Wrap Around Care**

Thank you for the really positive response to the recent survey monkey. After receiving all of your responses we have decided that we will be in the position to offer before and after school care hopefully after Easter but definitely from September 2021. We are moving into the next phase where we will be recruiting staff to run the wrap around care. More information will be shared after the New Year.

## **Starting School Reminder**

The closing date for applications to Year R 2021 is midnight on 15th January 2021. I am sure you are all doing so already but please don't forget to share with people what a fantastic school we have.

## **Contact Details**

If your contact details, circumstances or home address have changed recently please let the office know by email so that we are able to contact you as quickly as possible if necessary.

## Friends of Sopley School and the Magic of Christmas Event Day

We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Sopley School Team for all their hard work organising the 'Magic of Christmas Event Day'! The children thoroughly enjoyed their day of Christmas filled fun!

Thank you to all parents who made a donation to FSS. The donations are very much appreciated by the FSS and the school, these donations help raise funds to go towards supporting the school and the children.

## Christmas Food Bank Collection

We have had an amazing amount of donations brought in for the Ringwood Food Bank. A big thank you to Elliemay for organising and to all the children and their parents for your donations to this very worthy cause.



## Drone Footage

If you have not already seen the wonderful drone footage of the school please go to our website where you will be able to view both school sites. We are so incredibly lucky to be positioned in such beautiful surroundings and the drone footage really shows this.

## Covid-19

Please remember that if any pupil shows symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of the last day in school and then go on to receive a positive test you MUST contact Mrs Morris via her email address [h.morris@burley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:h.morris@burley.hants.sch.uk) so she can contact Public Health and then communicate the information with families who may then need to self-isolate. We are hoping that this will not happen but please remember to stay in touch.

## Online Safety - TikTok

TikTok is making it easier for parents to safeguard their children on its video-sharing app.

New features include the ability to change the youngster's settings remotely to block them from carrying out searches, and to prevent strangers from seeing their posts.

Children can still override these limitations but not without their parents being told.

For more information please visit the BBC News Website using the following link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54974813>

## Assembly Awards

### Value Certificates

The following children have received certificates for demonstrating our school values;  
*Liliana, Ariana, Marta, Evren, Buddy, Riley, Ethan*

### WOW Work

The following children's work has been on display because their work has demonstrated enthusiasm and ambition towards their learning;  
*Logan, Jensen, Caleb, Lily F, Tallulah, Dani, Amelie*

### Reading Award Badge Winners

The following children have read 50 times at home and have earned their bronze reading badge – Well Done!  
*Zach, Kimberley, Ben, Johnny, Emily A*

## Important Dates

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Return to school
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Closing date for applications to Year R 2021
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Inset Day
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half term holiday
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Return to school

