



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/ carers,



The children and the staff were thrilled to return to school this week and find a beautiful Christmas tree in the playground. Our tree was kindly donated to us by Hortico Plant Centre. Thank you to Max and his mum, Bex, who organised this on our behalf, collected the tree, delivered it to school and then decorated it so beautifully for us with the assistance of their family. This has caused a great deal of excitement and happiness!

### Christmas Crafts Week

Thank you to the Friends who kindly organised tree decorations for each child to make over our crafts week. In addition to this, the children have enjoyed other arts and crafts activities throughout the week, which they will be bringing home to share with you.

### Christmas Post

The current COVID situation means that we are unable to run the Christmas post box this year. Previously, children would write their Christmas cards, post them in the school post box where they would then be sorted and delivered to each class. Instead of buying cards, you may want to join the staff who make a donation to a charity of their choice instead.

### Congratulations Tippi!

Congratulations to Tippi, who has won the Watershed Christmas Cover Competition and will have her artwork featured on the front cover of the Christmas edition of the magazine.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to all our parents and carers for joining our online parents' evenings. We think these were a big success with the technology working well. The staff were pleased to hear so many positive comments from you all. This is a challenging time in schools but we are glad to hear from so many of you that your children are happy and settled and that you appreciate the hard work that is going in to ensure that every child is cared for and supported in their learning. I share your appreciation of the excellent and highly skilled team who we are so fortunate to have at our school.

### Governor News

Mike Hewitt is stepping down as a Governor at our school after more than 4 years. I am incredibly grateful to Mike for all of his hard work and support during this time. On behalf of the whole school community I thank him for his contribution to our school journey of improvement. The Governing Body are looking to appoint a co-opted Governor. If you or someone you know, might be interested in this position, please speak to Mrs Sharp who is the Clerk to our Governing Body.

### Road Closure

I shared with you the details of a local road closure which begins from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will affect the A433 between Tetbury and Cirencester. We have been told that the road will close at 9:30 each morning and re-open at 3:30. Please make sure that you have researched an alternative route for collection time. There are several diversions that can be taken but will mean a longer journey. I expect all children to be collected from school on time. If you perceive any issues with getting to school on time, please contact the school office to let me know. We are unable to open our after school club provision more widely to accommodate any late collections. Please make every attempt to be on time. Thank you.



## Resilience Award

**Acorn: Thomas for working very hard in phonics to learn new sounds.**

**Sapling: Mary for writing super, descriptive sentences.**

**Oak: Harry W for showing resilience in all aspects of learning but most importantly, when learning his multiplication facts!**

### HOUSE POINTS

House	Points	Comment
 Chepstow	<b>121</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
 Sudeley	<b>178</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
 Berkeley	<b>115</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>

### Menu for next week 30/11/20

	A	B
Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
Tuesday	Meatballs with rice	Vegan Mexican Roll with wedges
Wednesday	Roast Pork, roast potatoes and gravy	Vegetarian Wellington
Thursday	Beef spaghetti bolognaise	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Friday	Breaded fish and chips	Vegetarian sausage

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### **Any last minute takers for tonight's virtual Christmas wreath-making workshop.....?**

We still have a few spaces left for tonight's Christmas wreath-making workshop! It takes place at 7.45pm this evening via Zoom and is being run by Sapling parent Candida Boddington.

It costs just £15 per person which includes the basic wreath kit. You will need to provide your own foliage and any decorations (ribbons, gold spray, dried fruit etc) to create your bespoke wreath. And, of course, a festive tittle of your choice!!

If you would like to join us tonight, please contact Bryher Grimes (07785 542185) before 2pm today.

### **Last chance to buy your raffle tickets to support Rodmarton School! And be in with the chance to win up to £5,000!**

There are only a few days left to buy your tickets for the Big PTA Raffle run by Parentkind. Given the current COVID 19 restrictions, this is the only raffle The Friends will be running this Christmas so **please do support us** - it's very easy and we get 50% of the value of our ticket sales.

Just £3 will get one entry into each of the 12 draws - that's 12 chances to win! And, obviously, more tickets equals more chances to win.

To buy tickets just go to <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk> and click on "buy tickets". Select Rodmarton School before you buy your tickets and we get 50% of your ticket price.

The 12 draws will run daily from 7th December to the 18th December so you've got to buy your tickets before the 7th to be in with a chance of winning! Parentkind will announce the winning numbers on its site and will also let you know if you win via email.

Good luck!!

### **Rodmarton School tea towels**

Thanks to everyone who pre-ordered their Rodmarton School tea towels earlier this week.

The tea towel will feature "self portraits" of all the pupils and some pupils have kindly drawn the teachers for us too!! These tea towels make excellent Christmas presents and help raise money for The Friends at the same time.

We have ordered more than we need so, if you missed the deadline to get your order in, or you would like more tea towels than you originally ordered, it's not too late!! Please just contact Penny Norrie (07890 023594) to let her know how many you would like.

**Mrs C Musty**



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