



CUDHAM  
CE Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

'Together, we Aim, Believe and Achieve'

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

***Happy Friday, Cudham Family!***

Where has this half term gone?! I cannot believe that we are now into the final week before we break up for Christmas! Today we enjoyed our Christmas dinners and we are thankful to Lilly for all her hard work in the kitchen. We also had our Christmas Jumper Day to help us get into the festive spirit! I want to thank you all for your consideration of others by wearing masks when coming into the school buildings. It is so important that we take these extra measures to help keep our community safe so that we can enjoy Christmas with our families.

On Wednesday this week, FOCS hosted the gift sale for the children to purchase gifts for their loved ones. I would like to thank the FOCS team for their hard work in preparing the gifts and providing the children with this opportunity to give to others. Please see photos on the next page!

This week also sees the final sessions of our extra-curricular clubs until January. I know that the children have really enjoyed our free clubs and we are going to be releasing the details for signing up next half term shortly. Please note that if you had a place this term, you do not automatically qualify for a place in January – you will still need to sign up via the office. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and preparation to give our children these extra-curricular opportunities.

Please note that next Friday is our final day of the term and that we finish at the earlier time of 1:30pm for all children.

### **School Performances**

As you will have seen this week, we have taken the difficult decision to film our productions this year, rather than host them in the hall with an audience. This decision has been made to keep our families safe and to ensure that we are giving ourselves the best possible chance to share Christmas with our loved ones. I appreciate that you will be disappointed and hope that the ability to see the productions through the filming will provide some joy.

### **Recycling!**

Our school council have noticed that the majority of our waste goes into one bin. They have been working with Mrs. Davies to find a solution and consider ways that we can be more environmentally friendly. The school council have been working on designing posters to encourage our children to recycle, are purchasing recycling bins for our grounds and will be presenting in Worship. Thank you to the school council for helping our school to make a positive contribution to our world.

### **Thank you anonymous donor**

The school and FOCS would like to thank the anonymous donor who has contributed £500 to our charity. This is the second year in a row that such a generous contribution has been made and whilst we respect your desire to remain anonymous, we would still like to thank you.

### **\*REINDEER CONES: 🍷🎄👉 (Message from FOCS)**

The Christmas Elves have been busy (thanks Sam and Sophie!) and we now have all the hot choc reindeer cones ready for pick up.

Lauren, Joely or Dom will be handing these out prior to pick up outside the front gate. They will be there Fri 10th - Wed 15th at 3pm.

The cones will be delivered in non-see through bags, so as not to spoil the surprise 😊

Thank you everyone for your support - Merry Christmas! 🍷🎄

### **Dojo points for homework and reading**

As we tackle the gaps that have formed in the children's education due to COVID, we as a school are now monitoring the completion of reading and homework. All homework is set on Purple Mash each week and the children should be recording their reading in the reading records. Bug Club should be used as part of the children's home reading as this also develops the children's comprehension skills.





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Teachers will be awarding Dojo points for those who complete their homework each week, as well as sending a negative point for those who do not. Tasks are set on Purple mash and Bug Club to encourage independence in the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Attendance and Punctuation

As you will have seen from the letter sent this week, we are monitoring the absences and lateness of the children to school, again to ensure that every learning opportunity is maximised. Should your child arrive at school after 8:45am, they will be asked to inform the office of their attendance and their lunch option for the day.

### Middy Supervisor Positions

We have two midday supervisor positions in the school that are available. The hours of work are 11:45am – 1:15pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact the office for an application form. Thank you.

### Attendance

Below are the collective attendances for each class (for this week) and for the school (since the beginning of term). The whole school should be averaging an attendance of above 96% to ensure that every school day counts.

**Marigold: 85.8%**

**Rose: 96.3%**

**Honeysuckle: 89.2%**

**Forget Me Not: 95.6%**

**SCHOOL (since 31.8.21): 94.1%**

### Dates to Remember

- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**- 9:00am - Christmas Service (school hall)  
1:30pm - School finish time



Our Christian Virtue this half term is:  
**Faith**

I hope you all have a lovely and enjoyable weekend,

**Mr Finch**