



# NEWSLETTER 11 December 2020

To see photo's and videos of what we have been doing in school this week, please look on the blog and gallery pages on the school website  
[www.guisleyprimary.org](http://www.guisleyprimary.org)

Dear parents, carers and children

Well, it is certainly beginning to look a lot like Christmas! It was lovely to be back in school this week and see (and hear!) the children getting excited. The classrooms are looking festive and I was right about those door decorations. Christmas Jumper Day meant that Star of the Week assembly was more colourful this week and I continue to be amazed at the variety of jumpers that are available. Thank you for your generous donations in aid of Save the Children.

I am pleased to say that the government has announced some changes to self-isolation periods. Unfortunately this is not in time for the current year groups that are at home but it will help if we have any future positive cases. The LCC Health and Safety Bulletin has confirmed how schools need to implement this:

*"From Monday 14th December the self-isolation period for close contacts and households will change from 14 days to 10 days. The change to the isolation period for contacts will apply to all those who are currently self-isolating including those who commenced self-isolation before Monday. The test and trace app will not be updated until Thursday 17th December. The self-isolation period count starts from the day after symptoms, test date or date of last contact. The isolation period for positive cases remains at 10 days if they no longer have a temperature.*

## **What does this mean in practice?**

- *Count 11 days from the date of last contact or symptoms and this is the date staff and pupils can return to school. "*

Please continue to notify us of test results, negative as well as positive, via [office@guiseleyprimary.org](mailto:office@guiseleyprimary.org) which is monitored throughout the weekend and the school holidays.

So, life in school has continued as normal this week before celebrations begin from Monday. Rainbow class have been practising for their recorded Xmas sing-along next week – I can't wait to watch it. They have also been looking at the Christmas story, and learning about why Christians celebrate Christmas, as well as learning the names and properties of 2D shapes and all about the number 4.

It has been a busy week in Year 1 with their Traditional Tales dressing up day. A fantastic array of different costumes – well done parents for your imagination. I loved the wolf dressed up as grandma! It has inspired their writing which they linked to their science investigation by describing the different materials that the Three Little Pigs houses were made from, giving excellent reasons for their choices. They have also found time to learn a dance in PE linked to the story 'Twas the Night before Christmas. Well done Year 1!

I know many parents, as well as school, are concerned that LCC have not replaced the school crossing patrol on Oxford Road. I have been in contact with the relevant department with no success. However, I can report that the situation continues to be monitored and there will be a speed check completed in the New Year. Hopefully this will show how desperately we need this service reinstating as soon as possible for the safety of our children and parents.

We look forward to welcoming back FS2 and Year 5 on Monday - FS2 parents, please look out for a copy of the local newspaper in your child's book bag – the children looked very smart in their new uniforms.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Buckton  
Headteacher

**Please turn over for more newsletter items.....**

## Stars of the Week



**Gold Class** - Ezra L for gaining confidence and settling well and Alaini-Mae for becoming more confident

**Rainbow Class** - Angus for listening well and joining in on the carpet and Joshua for inviting others to join his play - what a lovely friend!

**Red Class** - Olivia-May who did super phonics writing at home and Jack for incredible reading at home

**Orange Class** - Thomas for amazing efforts with his home learning and Jack for outstanding effort with his home learning and for some amazing phonics work.

**Yellow Class** - Matilda for working very hard on her writing and George S for working really hard

**Green Class** - Joshua for working hard to improve his writing this week and Kyrlo for playing alongside others and sharing resources

**Blue Class** - Helen - who is an excellent role model to her peers with her outstanding behaviour and Millie - who has tried her very hardest in every lesson and her fantastic maths work this week.

**Indigo Class** - The Stars from last week are Annabel and Daisy - both for writing fantastic letters of complaint to the Once-ler from the Lorax. This week the Stars are Asa for some great independent writing about the ocean and Poppy for fantastic maths work on arrays

**Violet Class** - Jedd for his incredible mathematical skills, his doubling knowledge is amazing! and Melissa who has worked really hard this week, she has mastered the written method for addition and subtraction!

**Pink Class** - Ellis for always working hard and doing his very best and Lois for consistent excellent behaviour and hard work in all she does

**Coral Class** - Henry for showing fantastic progress after working so hard on his maths and Sophia for working really hard and producing a fantastic piece of work in English

**Amber Class** - Lachlan for a brilliant answer that highlighted the key features of modern Greece and Angus for a detailed explanation on how he solved a problem in maths

**Jade Class** - Max for exceptional handwriting and presentation in his home learning, and using some amazing relative clauses! and Lola for outstanding effort with her home learning and for some amazing Maths work on perimeter!

**Lime Class** - William for his super research into Earthquake proof buildings and designing his own building and Georgie for excellent attitude to her home learning, especially maths work on perimeter.

**Purple Class** - Emma for creativity in her writing, you have thought carefully about your choice of vocabulary and written an wonderful WW1 diary entry and Amelia for your wonderful work ethic, you work hard, listen well and take in everything that is discussed.

**Turquoise Class** - Eddie for giving 100% to everything you do, you work incredibly hard in every lesson and Chloe for your excellent VE Day news article and her being an incredibly helpful member of the class.

Well Done Everyone!

## Diary Dates

## Mathlete of the Week

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party week - more details over the page.....

**Tues 15 Dec** - Individual School Photograph's for FS2 and Year 5.

**Fri 18 Dec** - School closes for the Christmas Holiday

**Mon 4th January** - School opens for Spring Term 1

The Mathletes of the week are:

KS1 **Max L** and KS2 **Sienna**

A **Gold** Certificate has been achieved by:

**Lucia, charlotte and Olive**

If your child is in KS1 or KS2, please keep encouraging them to use Mathletics to access maths activities and games tailored to them. Please let their teacher know if your child cannot access Mathletics at home.

## Christmas Dinner and Parties



The Christmas Dinner and Party are on the same day and are:

Monday 14th Dec - FS2 (Reception)

Tuesday 15th Dec - Year 1

Wednesday 16th Dec - Year 2

Thursday 17th Dec - all KS2 classes (years 3 to 6)

On the day of their party, children can come to school wearing Christmas or party clothes. Please ensure clothes and footwear are suitable for wearing all day, including outside at playtime and lunchtime, and the children are able to get them off and on for the toilet. Parents /carers do not need to provide food for the parties.



Gold and Rainbow will be partying all week so children can wear their Christmas or party clothes on any day.

## Christmas Cards and Presents



To ensure we are doing all we can to help keep our school community safe, and as many families are in difficult financial circumstances this year, we are asking you to support the decision that:

- \* **Children do not bring Christmas Cards in to school**
- \* **Presents are not sent in to school for staff**

Cards and presents are always gratefully received, and we really appreciate that you acknowledge the hard work, commitment and dedication of our staff. If you would like to send a message to the staff in your child's class, please use the year group email or send via the office email.

### Covid-19 Reminders

- \* When bringing or collecting your child there should only be 1 adult in the school grounds and a face covering should be worn by adults, unless exempt for health reasons
- \* Social distancing must be maintained at all times
- \* If your child is displaying symptoms, they are not allowed to be in school and need to have a test. Please email the test result, even if it is negative, to [office@guiseleyprimary.org](mailto:office@guiseleyprimary.org)
- \* If any member of a household has symptoms and is awaiting a test result, the whole household needs to self-isolate until the test result is received.
- \* Anyone who is self-isolating must follow the NHS Track and Trace rules and not leave the house.

## Houses

**Nethermoor**, **Nunroyd**, **Parkinson** and **Springfield**

Children can earn points for their house by displaying behaviours that follow our Rainbow Code:

- Respect** (for all)
- Achieve** (always do your very best)
- Inclusive** (we all matter)
- Nurture** (we care and are considerate)
- Belong** (it's good to be part of something)
- Outstanding** (effort and perseverance)
- Whole** (whole child, whole family, whole community)

For the third consecutive week, **Nethermoor** are the winners with 132 points. Well Done !

<b>Nethermoor</b>	132	<b>Nunroyd</b>	118
<b>Parkinson</b>	90	<b>Springfield</b>	93

Come on Nunroyd, Parkinson and Springfield, it's not too late to show the Rainbow Code behaviours and earn points for your house.

Let's see how which house will be the overall winner for this half term.

### Year 3 End of Day Reminder

If your child is in Violet or Pink class, please remember adults must come in to the school grounds to collect their child. staff are not able to send them out of the gate onto Oxford Road on their own. Thank You

### Application for Reception September 2021

The application process is open until 15th January 2021 for parents and carers to apply for a school place for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017. Letters detailing how to apply have been sent directly from Leeds City Council.

More info can be found at:

[www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school)

Please note - you need to apply for a school place even if your child already attends Rainbow class.

### Information for Prospective Parents

If you have, or know someone who has, a child who will be 2, 3 or 4 year old before 31st August 2021 there is a lot of information about our provision on the Class Information pages on the school website - [www.guiseleyprimary.org](http://www.guiseleyprimary.org)

There are also Welcome to Guiseley Primary videos on the website so do please have a look to see a tour of the school, our pre-school and nursery provision and an introduction to Reception.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any specific questions.