



# NEWSLETTER

18 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.guiseleyprimary.org](http://www.guiseleyprimary.org)**

Dear parents, carers and children

So, we have reached the end of the autumn term and it has certainly been eventful! Before I say anything about this week in school I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the staff. You have been overwhelming in your generosity and we are touched that you have chosen to have a collection to show your appreciation. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell who started the ball rolling and there was an amazing total raised. We enjoyed a lovely lunch, purchased from the Bramble Bakehouse (the staff always enjoy an edible present!), and all the staff will also receive a £10 M & S gift voucher to treat themselves to something frivolous in the New Year. It is genuinely appreciated, thank you. The photographs show the staff enjoying their lunch.



This last week of term hasn't been normal but it has definitely been fun! Although we were not able to invite the usual theatre company into school to perform the pantomime, they produced an online version – Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men – which the children loved. Rainbow class also watched it on the big screen in the hall which was a new experience for them.

In Early Years the staff were disappointed not to be able to invite you along to their usual sing-a-longs and productions but they didn't let that stop them. I have just spent a lovely morning on Tapestry watching the wonderful Christmas singing in Gold and Rainbow class and their party looked great fun. Reception, your Wiggly Nativity was fantastic, especially considering you had been self-isolating for two weeks. I am so pleased the staff made the effort to go ahead regardless as the children clearly had lots of fun – definitely some future stars amongst the cast!

Christmas dinner and parties were combined this year - a special thank you to Mrs Miliopoulos and her team in the kitchen. Due to their wonderful organisation of the tables in the hall, the children in Reception and KS1 were able to safely eat their delicious Christmas dinner followed by a party complete with cakes, biscuits and crackers. KS2 enjoyed their dinner and party in their classrooms and a good time was had by all. I struggle to organise one dinner; I don't know how they cater for so many children (and staff) and remain so calm! The children showed their appreciation and made some lovely thank you cards. The team asked me to thank the children too and said their smiling faces made it all worthwhile.

A piece of news for Year 4 parents – we have successfully recruited a new member of staff to cover Mrs Smith's maternity leave. Mrs Lockwood will be joining us in January and will be working in Amber class Monday to Wednesday. We welcome her to the team and are confident she will be an asset to the school.

Finally, I would like to say my own thank you. Firstly to the staff – teachers, support staff, the office team, the superintendent and the LCC catering and cleaning agencies – they have all gone above and beyond to ensure the children were kept as safe as possible whilst also ensuring teaching and learning continued, even during school closure. I would like to thank yourselves as parents who have been incredibly supportive of our school, and the sometimes difficult decisions we have been forced to make, despite your own challenging situations. Also, of course, thank you to the children who have contended with so much – school closure, new vocabulary - bubbles, coronavirus, sanitiser, pandemic, self-isolation etc., taught their parents how to do long division 21st century style, happily chatted about the merits of Tier 2 over Tier 3 and have washed their hands more times than I've had hot dinners. In spite of all this they have remained positive, cheerful and inspiring throughout the year. They truly are remarkable in their resilience!

Have a lovely Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year – together we will cope with whatever 2021 throws at us!

Best wishes.

Mrs Buckton  
Headteacher

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## Stars of the Week



**Gold Class** - Everyone! For such a brilliant term. We have fantastic children, always ready to play, explore and learn.

**Rainbow Class** - All the children in Rainbow class for an excellent finish to the term.

**Red Class** - The whole class for a brilliant nativity!

**Orange Class** - The whole class for a brilliant nativity - well done.

**Yellow Class** - Alfie for some super Christmas crafts and Rosie for being a superstar all week.

**Green Class** - Sonny for persevering with his maths this week and Thea for trying hard with every task she undertakes.

**Blue Class** - The whole class! For working so incredibly hard this half term - I am so proud of you all!

**Indigo Class** - Everyone for working very hard this term!

**Violet Class** - The whole class - it's been a brilliant term and you have worked incredibly hard so far this year and I am very proud of you all!

**Pink Class** - The whole class - it has been a different sort of start to the year the children have all worked so hard and we have had fun! A great first term in year 3.

**Coral Class** - James for working hard on his handwriting and showing fantastic teamwork in DT and Eddie for showing great resilience and fantastic teamwork in DT.

**Amber Class** - Poppy for being a superstar all term and Kionie for improved participation in PE lessons.

**Jade Class** - Trapt - who wrote an excellent newspaper report this week and Evie - who puts 100% into everything she does and for always making me smile with her positive attitude.

**Lime Class** - Olive for being supportive and kind to others and Jacob for top effort when writing an excellent newspaper report.

**Purple Class** - The whole class for your amazing attitude towards your assessments during Christmas week!

**Turquoise Class** - Libby for working exceptionally hard this term including doing extra research at home and Thomas for working incredibly hard on reading and comprehension this term. Well done!

Well Done Everyone!

## Diary Dates

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

**Thurs 14th January** - Swimming lessons start for Coral class (further details will be sent)

**Fri 15th January** - Swimming lessons start for Lime class (further details will be sent)

**Fri 15th January** - Last date to apply for a place in FS2 (Reception) for September 2021

## Mathlete of the Week

The Mathletes of the week are:

KS1 **Oscar M** and KS2 **Sienna**

A **Gold** Certificate has been achieved by:  
**Henry J and Jacob L**

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.

## 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)

All the points for this half term have been counted, and the overall winner is **Nethermoor** with 821 points.

Well Done!

The points for the half term are:

<b>Nethermoor</b>	821	<b>Nunroyd</b>	631
<b>Parkinson</b>	680	<b>Springfield</b>	677

## Road Safety Poster Competition

Thank you for all of the entries to the recent 'No Need to Speed' poster competition. We had some fantastic posters and it was very hard to choose!

There were no entries from FS2 or Year 6 so a 3rd place prize has been awarded to the other year groups. Each winner has received a £10 Love to Shop Voucher. The winning entries are:

Year 1	1st - Eloisa 2nd - Mia 3rd - Theadora
Year 2	1st - Violet 2nd - Lydia 3rd - Megan
Year 3	1st - Ralph 2nd - Mia 3rd - Lily
Year 4	1st - Quentin 2nd - Barnaby 3rd - Danny
Year 5	1st - Caitlin 2nd - Carys 3rd - Megan

An extra 'well done' to Jacob L, Charlotte L, Max A & Eleanor who were the winners and runners up of the Community Road Safety competition too!

### Covid-19 Reminders

**\* If your child has a Covid test over the weekend, please email the test result, even if it is negative, to [office@guiseleyprimary.org](mailto:office@guiseleyprimary.org)** People who test positive are infectious from 48 hours before symptoms starts, or before the test if they have no symptoms.

\* 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. The whole household must follow the NHS Track and Trace rules and not leave the house or have visitors into your house.

## 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.

### Parkinson Park Christmas Elf Trail

Attached with the newsletter is a poster with details of the Elf Trail in Parkinson's Park, which is running all Christmas.



Rainbow and Indigo class have created baubles for one of the entrances and a number of families have been involved in decorating some of the entrances too.

If you are looking for a fun, socially distanced activity during the holiday, please do visit.