

# PARNWELL NEWS

## Message from the Head teacher:

Last week we sent out a questionnaire on ParentMail to find out how you feel we have responded to the COVID-19 crisis. 150 people responded and we are delighted with the results. 73% of you feel your child has made lots of progress, 85.3% of you think the teacher knows your child extremely well and 81.3% of you say we have kept you well informed during the COVID-19 pandemic. This reflects that we have been working really hard to ensure your child(ren) can continue to learn in a safe environment where we put their best interests first. We have also listened to your comments about opening the school gates on time and we will make every effort to do so. If we are not on time, please bear with us as there is a great deal going on behind the scenes to keep you, your children and the staff safe. Please ensure you continue to socially distance whilst waiting for the school gates to open and whilst on the school grounds.

Last Friday children were encouraged to wear something that makes them smile for Children in Need. Thank you so much for all your kind donations during these difficult times. We raised an impressive £226.

We have also been working closely with the Salvation Army and they are very kindly donating Christmas food parcels to all our families who normally receive free school meals. This is an incredible gesture and we are very thankful to the Salvation Army.

All the children have been working really hard this week taking part in a range of assessments. I am very proud of all the effort displayed by the children. Well done everyone.

Finally, a special well done to Leo in Miss Evans class who was awarded star of the week for his continual hard work. Leo was unable to accept his award in class due to the Year 5 bubble self-isolating.

## In the classroom:

Miss Littrell and Miss Edwards would like to say a big well done to all the children in Year 2. They have been taking part in assessment week, taking tests in maths, reading, grammar and spelling. All the children worked really hard and tried their absolute best. Both Miss Littrell and Miss Edwards are so proud of how hard they have tried.

This week we have been discussing bullying in the classroom as part of Anti-Bullying week. We asked the children to wear odd socks to school to celebrate our differences.



## Dinner menu:

On Monday 23 November we start week 2 of our [school dinner menu](#).

## Free Food:

Club Caliente will be handing out a selection of frozen food and non-perishable products on Saturday 21 November between 11am and 1pm. Don't forget to bring a bag.

## Upcoming events

<b>1 Dec</b>	Flu immunisations
<b>11 Dec</b>	Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner Day
<b>18 Dec</b>	Last day of term – 13:30 finish
<b>4 Jan</b>	Back to school
<b>22 Jan</b>	School Photographs

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## Parnwell Community Hub:

The Parnwell Community Hub are putting together a book of Lockdown Memories for 2020. They are looking for drawings, photos and quotes to share with them in their book. The focus should be on the positive side of Lockdown. If you would like something to be included, please put it in an envelope labelled 'lockdown memories' and deliver it to the school office. This is a great chance for you and your family to get creative.



## Peterborough Virtual Big Sing:

Peterborough Sings are launching a Christmas Virtual Choir project. Many children are missing out on singing at school at the moment which is why they are inviting any child aged between 7-11 to participate in their Virtual Choir completely free of charge. All they need to do is learn the song 'Jingle Bells', record themselves singing it and send it to Peterborough Sings! They will then put all the recordings together and build the Peterborough Christmas Virtual Choir.

All the instructions and resources are available to download from their website at [www.peterboroughsings.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughsings.org.uk). Entries will be judged and the winner will receive a Yamaha PSR-EW300 (or similar) keyboard, a fabulous prize for budding musicians!

The closing date for entries is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any questions, please contact [admin@peterboroughsings.org.uk](mailto:admin@peterboroughsings.org.uk)



## Christmas Shoebox appeal for the elderly in Peterborough:

Christmas is about spending time with loved ones, eating and making memories. The warmth and joy of Christmas should bring us closer together. There is a huge amount of elderly people that will be alone at Christmas; family may not be able to visit or they may not have any.

## How can you help?

This Christmas, help to fill a shoebox with some little things we sometimes take for granted, but to others they could mean the world. Can you fill a shoebox or contribute a few items from the list below? Shoeboxes should be wrapped however accessible to view the contents and labelled whether for a male, female or unisex... don't forget to include a Christmas card with a message.

## Welcomed Items:

Toiletries – shampoo, shower gel, soaps etc. Puzzle, reading or adult coloring books. Pens/pencils. Boiled sweets, chocolates, biscuits, treats. Hot chocolate, tea/coffee. Hats, scarf, gloves. Tinned food items. Little Christmas treats.

We will be collecting boxes or donations towards the boxes until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December any donations can be left at the school office. Many thanks for your support Suzanne Collins

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## Peterborough VIRTUAL Big Sing



Your chance to WIN  
a YAMAHA KEYBOARD!



Christmas Virtual Choir Project

- Free entry for children aged 7 - 11
- Learn to sing Jingle Bells
- Record your entry at home
- Feature in the Christmas Virtual Choir video



Full details at [www.peterboroughsings.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughsings.org.uk)

Peterborough Sings! registered charity number: 1171950