



Newsletter 6: Friday 22nd October 2021

### A message from the Executive Headteacher

Somehow we have already arrived at half term. It has been an incredibly busy and, at times, challenging half term and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff, children and parents for their patience, resilience and understanding over the past 7 weeks.

Next term you will start to see changes being implemented in the school. These changes will be communicated with parents as they happen so that you are completely informed about the purpose of those changes and the expected impact.

You will no doubt be aware that COVID cases are, once again, climbing nationally. Whilst there have been no specific changes to guidance for schools, we need to be prepared for them just in case. We will keep you as well informed as possible if this happens. I am pleased to report that the extra measures we placed upon our Year 6 cohort were successful in preventing any further increase in positive cases. This means that these restrictions have now been lifted. However, we will continue to monitor the situation in school in case further action is required.

For now, though, I just want to wish you all and my staff a restful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

### Dates for your diaries

- Monday 1st November: Staff INSET
- Tuesday 2nd November: PTA Meeting (7.30pm)
- Monday 8th November: Parents Evening
- Tuesday 9th November: Parents Evening
- Thursday 11th November: Remembrance Assembly
- Friday 10th December: Pantomime (EYFS & KS1)
- Sunday 12th December: Riseley Christmas Fayre
- Wednesday 15th December: Parent Forum 9am
- Wednesday 15th December: Carol Concert 6pm (KS2)
- Thursday 16th December: Pantomime (KS2)
- Friday 17th December: Last day of term

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### Mini marathon

The mini marathon that was due to take place on Monday 4th October was able to be held on Monday this week.

I was incredibly impressed by the fitness and determination of all the children, even in some rather less than favourable weather conditions.

The aim of the event was to trial the use of physical activity events as a means for adding competition into the school and also the use of a house system. The children responded very well to both and I'm pleased to announce that we intend to introduce a house system from the beginning of next half term (once the children have had the chance to suggest the names).

For the mini marathon, children were placed into one of five house teams: Radcliffe, Farah, Foster, Holmes and Coe. They then had to run as many laps of the MUGA in their allotted times. All laps were counted and then converted into a total distance.

The results of the competition were as follows:

- 1st place: Radcliffe House (44.6 miles)
- 2nd place: Farah House (39.2 miles)
- 3rd place: Holmes House (38.9 miles)
- 4th place: Foster House (38.4 miles)
- 5th place Coe House (38.3 miles)

Total distance covered: 199.4 miles

A huge well done to everyone who ran.