

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would again like to thank all the children for continuing to show how amazing they are at keeping to our systems and processes and helping to keep everyone safe.

Recently we have focussed on the promotion of our togetherness and inclusion message and took part in an odd socks day last week, highlighting the idea that it is okay to be original! Pictures from the day can be found in our website [news section](#). Even Dennis the dog took part!

The children were also encouraged to design an anti-bullying superhero or anti-bullying poster. We had a GREAT response and would like to say well done to everyone who entered. There were some fabulous designs which will be displayed around our school.

Mrs Watson and Miss Baillie found it very difficult to choose the winners from such a high standard and variety of artwork. Congratulations go to:

Jessica in Reception, **Olivia** in KS1, **Demi** in LKS2 and **Taliya** in UKS2. They will all be receiving a £10 book voucher. Well done everyone!

Thank you for helping to make our parents' evening meetings a success, apart from the occasional connection issue these went very smoothly. Thank you for helping to make it work.

Please keep checking your child's Google Classroom page for information to support your child at home. Google Classroom is now our School Learning Platform, almost everyone is now signed up and logged in so if you are one of the few left to do so please don't get left behind. If you need any help please just ask!

Have a lovely weekend.

Keep safe,



Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Hawks (99.3%)
- 2nd Place – Badgers (98.6%)
- 3rd Place – Hedgehogs (98.3%)



Colder Mornings and Late Arrivals

The mornings have definitely become much colder and we are unfortunately noticing an increase in children coming in late in the morning. Please remember to allow a bit of extra time to defrost the car or to walk safely to school.

As part of our Covid-safe procedures, the number of children coming in and out of the office in the morning and afternoons must be kept to a minimum. Please bear in mind that the gates are locked at 9.00am, and make sure you cannot enter via the playground before coming around to the school office.

Covid-19 Updates

The national restrictions remain in place until 2 December. This means that you must:

- Stay at home, except for specific purposes including work and volunteering, education and childcare, medical reasons and shopping for essential items.
- Avoid meeting people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.

As announced yesterday, Bracknell will be rated as Tier 2 'high' risk and residents will need to follow the rules for that tier from Wednesday.

More information can be found on the Bracknell Forest website at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/node/7558> or on the government website at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

In addition, please remember that if you, your child or anyone else in your household have symptoms of COVID-19 you must:

- **Not come in to school**
- **Get tested immediately**
- **Everyone in your household must stay at home.**

Tests can be arranged via the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Communications Round-up

Please check you have read these important messages this week.

[FRoGS Newsletter and Christmas Ideas](#)

News from the FRoGS (PTA) about the events they are running during this festive period.

[Christmas Festivities Letter](#)

Important information about our festive arrangements and how things are changing slightly this year in line with our risk assessment.

Copies of all our letters can be found on our website [here](#). If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school office.



Upcoming Library Events

Young readers can join in the Winter Reading Mini Challenge. It's a smaller version of the Summer Challenge, with a virtual badge to unlock, a certificate to be awarded with and lots of activities and books to enjoy! The challenge starts on **Tuesday 1 December 2020** and ends on **Friday 15 January 2021** and it is completely virtual and free.

Everyone is a hero

This year theme is 'Everyone is a hero', in partnership with *Knights Of* -children's publishers. The aim is to champion a diversity of perspectives across children's books and encourage everyone to nominate their own personal reading heroes – whether it's a librarian, a teacher, a family member, a carer or a friend! Find out about nominating your Reading Hero on the Winter Reading Challenge website - www.wintermini.org.uk

Get involved

To take part you need just to:

Sign in - visit the Reading Challenge website from Tues 1st December 2020 to sign in or register.

- Read 3 books (audiobooks and e-books count too!)
- Review your books - leave a review of your books on the Winter Reading Challenge website.
- Rating and reviewing 3 books online will unlock a virtual badge and a special certificate to print off and keep!

Getting your books

- You can read anything you like: from books you have at home to the ones you can take on loan from your school library.
- You can reserve books from the library for free as well and collect them in any of the open libraries.
- There are lots of free children's e-books and e-audio books on BorrowBox.
<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/e-books-and-e-audio>