



18TH DECEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

office@linkprim.org.uk
admin@linksec.org.uk

020 8688 5239
020 8688 7691

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 4th January 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 5th January 2021
**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
FOR THE SPRING TERM**

15th - 19th February 2021
SPRING HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 31st March 2021
**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE
FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 19th April 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April 2021
**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Monday, 3rd May 2021
**BANK HOLIDAY - NO
SCHOOL**

31st May - 4th June 2021
**SUMMER HALF TERM - No
School**

Wednesday, 21st July 2021
**END OF TERM - EARLY
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Thursday, 22nd July 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

A Message from Sandy

The end of the Autumn Term is upon us and sadly it has not ended in the way we would all have liked.

Corona Virus incidents have meant that the secondary school was forced into self isolation, together with three classes at the primary school, making remote learning the order of the day for the last week of Autumn term.

With Sutton moving into Tier 3 and the sharp increase in reported cases, the local authority have been quick to act and has delivered home testing kits to all Sutton special schools, in a bid to find anyone who is asymptomatic and could be passing on the virus unknowingly.

All school staff have to take a test before returning to school for the Spring Term.

Secondary school pupils and their families have been asked to take a test too before their return to school.

The secondary school is open on Tuesday, 22nd December between the hours of 9.00am and 11.00am for a member from each family to collect a kit.

We fully appreciate administering a test at home to your child can be anxious for both parties and I would stress although we would prefer it if everyone participated, it is not compulsory. Please email the school if you need to discuss this prior to your child's return.

Wishing you all a restful break. Merry Christmas.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Although, perhaps a little more subdued than most years, with lots of our community having to self-isolate, the primary school were determined to ensure the children had an enjoyable week.

Everyone enjoyed their Christmas lunches in their bubbles, with Christmas crackers and party hats, some of which they made themselves.

Excitement was bubbling, as the children had heard that although he was unable to visit the school this year, Father Christmas had managed to deliver some presents.

On hearing the sound of bells outside their class, each class was sent to the atrium, where Sue Denman was waiting amongst a pile of presents! As you can see, they were very happy with their gifts!



Traditional party games followed, albeit given a festive slant!



It seems that 'pin the nose on the snowman' was very popular with some.



While others preferred the competitive edge of 'tin can alley' albeit with snowballs and snow cups.

All in all, an enjoyable time had by all.

Further excitement followed on Thursday, when Claire and Sally from The Link Association arrived laden with raffle prizes. The draw took ages, as there were so many prizes to be won. By now you have all received a list of the winners and most of the prizes have been collected. Those that remain can be collected in January from the school offices.



The committee have asked us to print the following message:

Hi families, friends and staff,

Thank you all for getting behind our fundraising events to date. We really do appreciate it and are determined to provide as much funds as we can towards the Schools' Playground Projects with a little bit of virtual fun in the mix!

Just to let you all know that so far we have raised: £58.60 from

the Christmas cards for Schools, £125 from tickets sales for our wonderful Magic Show and £187 for the Silent Auction! We will update you in the New Year with the grand total for the Christmas Raffle too.....

Finally, we would just like to wish our Link families, friends and staff a joyful and safe Christmas and here's to a more hopeful 2021!

Love and best wishes,

Claire, Sharon and Sally xxxx

AND FINALLY

From everyone here at The Link Schools, we would like to say a huge thank you for your kind words and wonderful sentiments. It's a very emotional time and some of your messages were so heartwarming.

It just remains for us to wish everyone of you a happy holiday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

