



# NEWSLETTER

Term 2: Week 7 2020

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It's hard to believe that we are now one third of the way through this academic year; it has been different, challenging and constantly changing! However, we have done everything we can to ensure that your children feel safe and cared for and continue to enjoy school and learning through all the experiences we are able to offer. Newsletters have certainly been as full of activities as ever!

I am delighted to be able to share with you that Miss Mackie-Savage (currently on maternity leave) is expecting another new addition to her family. Sadly, however, that means that she has decided not to return to St. John's Meads. We wish her and her family well for the future. Mrs Riddle has recently had an operation on her knee. We wish her a speedy recovery and we hope to see her towards the end of January. In the meantime, Mrs Charsley is supporting learning in Year 1. We have recently welcomed two new lunchtime supervisors – Mrs Gallini (Year 5&6) and Mrs Grose (Reception).

One of the strands of our school vision emphasises being a 'caring community'. It is so important to us that we model to the children what that means, both by our behaviour towards one another and in seeking ways to help others. Thank you so much for your support to the many worthy causes we have fundraised for in recent weeks. Your generosity has been astounding! Thank you also, on behalf of all the staff, for your gifts and for your kind and supportive messages. They are very much appreciated and yet another example of how wonderful it is to be a part of the St John's Meads School Community.

Wishing you peace, love and happiness  
this Christmas.



Mrs Weeks

## Rainbow Awards:

**Reception:** Aila Mohamid  
**Year 1:** Imogen Roberts  
**Year 2:** Olive Thorpe  
**Year 3:** Harry Aston  
**Year 4:** Harry Standing  
**Year 5:** Ben Hatton  
**Year 6:** Lexie McLean



## Happy Christmas from the Breakfast Club

Open every morning from 7.40am £3.50 payable online, in advance at least 24 hours before the session.

**Late Birds** is also available to book in advance.

£3.50 3.30pm to 4.30pm - Session 1

£3.50 4.30pm to 5.30pm—Session 2

£7.00 3.30pm to 5.30pm.—Session 3

Please book at least 24 hours in advance of the sessions.

## Upcoming dates

<https://www.meads.e-sussex.sch.uk/coming-events>

04/01/2021 INSET DAY

05/01/2021 School Open

11/01/2021 After school clubs begin

12/01 Cricket engagement day

# Christmas Lunch



# Reindeer Fun

Children and staff had a great time on the last day of term with their Reindeer Fun activities. A huge thank you to you all for the delicious cake donations and for the money raised with the Danceathon, cake sale and Pie Face. Miss Teager was the unlucky member of the leadership team who ended up with a face full of cream, with a bonus splat for unlucky Mr Williams as Year 4 were in the hall dancing at the time and he volunteered to have a go.

A total of **£678.20** has been raised so far across the three fundraising activities. This is a fantastic amount for a very good cause (Chestnut Tree House). Thank you all for your continued generosity.



# Christmas Treats



Reception Class watching a special video sent by Santa .

Watch it here... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BSw4QpROs0&feature=youtu.be>

Year 2 voted to have a pyjama party as their 'marbles in the jar' treat. We combined this with watching the pantomime on Tuesday. They especially enjoyed the popcorn treat!



Thank you to the Friends for organising our Christmas Panto, The Sleeping Beauty.

All classes watched this on Tuesday afternoon and were treated to popcorn after the show.

# Christmas Kindness and Gold Awards

# GOLD

Emerson Birley, Henrick van Kleeff and Willem van Kleeff (Y5) have all been presented with Gold Awards for showing outstanding kindness and helping another child to feel included.



Last weekend, Dawson and Austin organised a Christmas Carol singing event with their neighbours. In preparation, they had written and delivered invitations, chosen songs, and made mince pies. What a kind way to spread Christmas cheer! They also raised money for charity by running the Christmas Dash – superstars! Well done boys for your Christmas Kindness



## KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020



MONDAY



7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

TUESDAY

1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

WEDNESDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

THURSDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021

FRIDAY

4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

18 Give away something that you have been holding on to

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

SATURDAY

5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

SUNDAY

6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters



**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

#DoGoodDecember



[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december)

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

# Happy Christmas

Thank you for all the lovely gifts and cards.

We all hope you have a very  
Happy Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

