

**PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a very busy two weeks at Papillon. Last week we had our Ofsted inspection which went well. Many children gave a warm welcome to the inspectors and introduced themselves and their peers. Some children spoke directly to the inspectors about how they feel about their school, their likes and any dislikes. All children had been prepared for the visitors through photos and personal profiles being shared with them. Aahil was especially excited to ask one of the inspectors about their woodwork hobby as he wanted to know if he made wooden toys! Well done, Aahil!

This week we have had a few colds, bugs and viruses doing the rounds at Papillon. Can I please ask that if your child is not well enough to attend school, that they stay home until they are feeling better. These illnesses are spreading fast and impacting both pupils and staff. We are working hard on teaching the children to use tissues and throw these in the bin and some classes have created "snuffle stations" with everything needed to do so.

I sent a separate Arbor email this week with Surrey's advice on Strep-A and Scarlett Fever. We have not had any confirmed cases of this at Papillon but please do read the attachment (also included in this email) from Surrey which includes symptoms to look out for and guidance should your child become unwell. There is also information from the NHS that can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>

Next Friday will be the last day of term and the children will finish at 2pm. Please do ensure your child's transport are aware that they will need to pick the children up at 2pm next Friday.

### **Weather**

It has been extremely cold, especially towards the end of this week. We have been working hard to ensure that all pupils understand that they need to wear their coats to go outside. If they are unable to put their coat on, they have been remaining indoors at playtimes. We would really appreciate parents supporting this message as we know that some of our children do struggle to wear coats in the winter. Some children are unable to express if they feel cold, some don't feel the cold as strongly, and some are struggling with the change in weather and consequently the need to wear a coat.

If you could please ensure that your child has their coat in school every day, and a hat, scarf and gloves if they are able to tolerate these, it will help us to reinforce the need for winter clothes during this very cold spell. We have been using visuals and learning about clothes associated with different weather conditions in morning circles this school year. Many children are developing a good understanding of the need to wear winter clothes and why.

Snow has been forecast to arrive next week. We will continue to monitor the weather and conditions near to school and should there be any need to close the school at any point, you will receive an Arbor message to inform you of this.

### **Headlice**

We have had a case of headlice in Lower Primary this week. Can you please check your child's hair and treat them if necessary. Thank you.

### **Children's Christmas Fair**

This will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any donations of toys or books that are in a good condition, could you please send these in by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We would also like to ask for any

donations of cakes to be sent in next week for the Christmas fair (no nuts please). On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, all children and young people are asked to bring in a donation on £2 to attend the fair where they will meet Father Christmas and his friends, have turns on the sweetie tombola and lucky dip, make choices from the toy and book stalls and play the festive games that they have taken part in preparing for this occasion. All donations will go to our chosen charity, Crisis.



'Act for Autism' are running a Webinar (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm) about having a calm and connected Christmas. We have attended Webinars run by 'Act for Autism' before and found them to be useful and informative. You can register via the Act for Autism website or social media channels. We hope it will provide some good tips on managing what can be a stressful time of year for our children and their families.

### Fund raising for charities this term:

Our chosen charities to support this term have been:



**Children in Need** – On our school Mufti Day, Papillon pupils also took part in a “Kind-a-thon” and we raised £68 for Children in Need. Thank you for all your donations.



### Save the C

**Save the Children** – Christmas Jumper Day was this Thursday and we have raised £53.10 so far (some donations are still to come). With the Government matching our donation, so far, we will have raised a total of £106.20 but we hope that this will increase further still. Thank you for all your donations.



**Christmas Mufti Day** will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and all donations will go to Crisis.

*“We work directly with thousands of homeless people every year. We provide vital help so that people can rebuild their lives and are supported out of homelessness for good. We offer one to one support, advice and courses for homeless people in 12 areas across England, Scotland and Wales. How we help someone depends on their individual needs and situation. It could be with finding a home and settling in, getting new skills and finding a job, or help with their health and wellbeing. We use research to find out how best to improve our services, but also to find wider solutions to homelessness. Together with homeless people and Crisis supporters, we campaign for the changes needed to end homelessness for good.”*

<https://www.crisis.org.uk/about-us/>

**Crisis** will also receive all donations received from children/young people on entry to our Christmas Fair on Thursday next week.

### “Papillon Christmas Celebration”

Next week is our Papillon Christmas Celebration. The children and young people have been working hard practicing their class song, dance or story for this event. As communicated previously, we have planned a much

smaller event this year than in previous years (pre-Covid) as the children are not practised at performing in front of an audience. Some of our children also find this time of the year very challenging with the build up to Christmas and all the excitement, but also the change and uncertainty that Christmas brings. We hope that all children who are due to share their song, dance or story with parents are able to participate on the day, however, should they struggle, we will have some pre-recorded videos to share with you. If there are some nerves on the day, it may be that audience participation helps so bring your dancing shoes with you!

### **Community Visits (this week)**

Caterpillar Class went to Court Recreation Park

Meadow Class went to Court Recreation Park and some children went horse riding

Peacock Class went swimming

Swallowtail Class went swimming and to Leigh Park

### **Community Visits (last week)**

All Primary classes visited Father Christmas at Bockett's Farm last week. They enjoyed a tractor ride, meeting the Elves and Father Christmas! All the children really enjoyed these magical days out and receiving a present from Father Christmas of course!

Some Swallowtail pupils also went to Lidl to do some Christmas shopping!

### **Star of the Week (this week)**

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar	Tiana	<i>"amazing talking around class and school"</i>
Meadow	LJ	<i>"amazing independent communication"</i>
	James	<i>"an amazing week interacting with his peers"</i>
Peacock	Ariana	<i>"fantastic painting for the Nutcracker"</i>
Swallowtail	Jenny	<i>"fantastic story writing in class this week"</i>

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Caterpillar	Jamie	<i>"completing more tasks in PE"</i>
Meadow	Jack	<i>"great use of his PECS book during his therapy session"</i>
Peacock	All	<i>"fantastic trip to see Father Christmas"</i>
Swallowtail	Alfie	<i>"great Yoga, Phonics and super trip to Bockett's Farm"</i>

### **Secondary Department News (this week)**

Monarch Class have enjoyed practicing their Boomwhacker Christmas performance. They have also continued to create a whole class Christmas banner. In addition, Monarch and Admiral Class enjoyed a festive Christmas scavenger hunt, touring the towns of Reigate, Horley and Redhill, and stopping for a snack at Ellsworth Lakes. The whole class also enjoyed their festive cooking session, making and decorating snowman biscuits.

Admiral Class had a brilliant time playing Christmas Bingo as a whole class, each taking turns spinning the wheel and putting counters on the Christmas objects that they had found. Thomas had an excellent day on Christmas jumper day wearing Max's Christmas jumper. He enjoyed telling everybody around school that he had Max's jumper on! Admiral Class also made some lovely cards to a past pupil who had sent Christmas cards to the school. Finally, the whole class has enjoyed engaging in attention games, finding out what is different about a person when they leave then re-enter a room, and who has moved seats within the room.

This week Emperor Class have included some festive additions to their café menu, making turkey, stuffing and pigs in blanket baguettes for the staff around the school. Joe especially enjoyed this. Emperor also enjoyed their cycling session despite the cold weather. They also took part in lunchtime clubs such as Dance Club, Remote Control Car Club and Film Club.

### Secondary Department News (last week)

Monarch Class: Well done to Gabriel for asking for a turn in our attention activity this week and then waiting appropriately with his peers.

Admiral Class: Well done to Thomas who asked to join in with our Boomwhackers session this week and actively participated in PE with the whole class too. Ismail had a very successful sensory trip this week. The class had a positive PSHE lesson focussing on stereotypes.

Emperor Class: All have been practising their festive treat making in preparation for providing refreshments at the Papillon Christmas Celebration for parents. Car washing has been very successful this week.

### Therapy (this week)

Well done to Mila, Alfie and Gabrieli in Swallowtail Class for being very kind to each other in the Food is Fun session, and for exploring more foods than ever before. *Donna Venetico, Occupational Therapist and Shannon Dutton-Null, Speech and Language Therapist.*

Well done to Nicholas in Caterpillar Class for great work in his Speech and Language Therapy session this week. Nicholas engaged in all the activities and used more language throughout to interact with the adults. *Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist.*

### Therapy (last week)

Well done to Kuba in Caterpillar Class for his amazing work in his emotions-based session. Kuba searched soft play for hidden emotions pictures and was able to correctly identify the emotions and place them into the corresponding categories. Great work Kuba. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist and Jessica Mason, Speech and Language Therapist.*

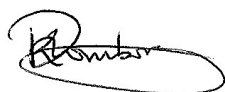
Well done to Benjamin in Peacock Class for great work in his joint Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy session. Benjamin has grown in confidence and this week independently walked along a narrow bench before celebrating his achievement with a huge smile and clapping his hands. Lovely work Benjamin. *Tabitha Garnett, Occupational Therapy Assistant Practitioner and Natasha Renton, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant.*

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place this term. I will send you further information nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Mufti Day (donations to Crisis)
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	PM	Papillon Christmas Celebration – Primary parents and individually contacted Secondary parents
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	PM	Children's Christmas Fair (donations to Crisis)
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	End of Term

Have a lovely weekend.



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