

# LAYCOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

This half term has been another busy one! We have been fund raising for Children in Need, raising £77.40 for the charity, and some of our children appearing in the BBC 'Big Bubble Singalong' video for Children in Need - give it a watch and see if you can spot yourself...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4xhRbQ7Y6wYqhr921zNqhc/the-big-bubble-singalong>. We also raised funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We have completed our "Be the i in kind quilt" which was started during lockdown and this will be hung in the school corridor for everyone to enjoy in the New Year. Huge thanks to Mrs McGuinness for all her hard work with this project.

The School Council raised an amazing £167.00 for Friends of Laycock with our Autumn hamper raffle. Thank you so much everyone! And following on from this we have had Christmas Hamper raffles with prizes for each class, as well as main prizes, with all proceeds going straight back into school funds. Congratulations to all our winners, whose photos were posted on class dojo.

'Keighley Creative' invited our school to take part in a free local project, with each of our children decorating a small 2D card Christmas bauble that is displayed on a large Christmas tree in the Airedale Centre, Keighley, so please pop along to take a look and see if you can spot your bauble! Also, we have participated in the 'Hearts for Homes' project with every child decorating a heart with a message which has been delivered to Herncliffe Care Home by one of our very kind parents and will be given out to each resident. Such a lovely idea to bring a smile to the faces of the residents of Herncliffe Care Home during the Festive Season.

Despite all the covid restrictions in place currently, we have made sure all the children have had a really special Christmas in school this year. We have made a giant rustic Christmas tree display on the wall in the hall and every child has made a Christmas card to wish everyone else a Happy Christmas. This is in addition to our Christmas trees in school. We had our Christmas jumper day & Christmas raffles plus class parties with Santa visiting school with gifts, & an outdoor whole school Christmas Carol Concert! Such a lovely way to bring the term to a close.

In the New Year, from January until March, our school will be taking part in a forest and woodland project on Tuesdays. Year 5-6 will be the first class to take part starting in January. Year 3-4 will follow in February and Year 1-2 in March. Further information will follow. This will be an amazing opportunity for our children. Please be prepared and ensure your child has wellies and some outdoor clothing you don't mind getting muddy!

With regard to covid, we ask that, should any Laycock pupil show symptoms of coronavirus within 48 hours of school finishing for Christmas (ie by the evening of Sunday 20th December) that you let me know. You MUST let me know if your child tests positive within this time so I can let other families who have come into contact with your child know. After this initial 48 hour period, where a pupil or staff member develops symptoms & / or tests positive, the 'normal' national track and trace system should be used and there is no need at this point to inform school staff.

As you are no doubt aware, the government has announced plans for secondary pupils to engage with remote learning for the



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first week back in January. This is for secondary pupils ONLY and all primary pupils are expected back in school, regardless of secondary siblings remaining at home. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Miss Evans will be returning to school on January 5<sup>th</sup> also! We will be delighted to welcome her back, and I know she can't wait to be back in school! I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to Miss Steward for all her hard work in Reception class this half term, and wish her all the very best in her next school.

As we near the end of the term and 2020 (thank goodness), I wanted to take a moment to thank the staff of Laycock Primary School for their tremendous hard work. Without exception, they have gone above and beyond for our children and families, and to support each other; they are the most amazing group of professionals and I consider myself lucky to be able to work alongside them everyday.

I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday, and all the very best for the New Year. This has been a very challenging year and I may be running a risk by saying that 2021 must surely be a better year, but fingers crossed it is!

Have the best family time you possibly can, keep safe, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

With love & best wishes to all our very special families. On behalf of all the staff at Laycock Primary School,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juliet Nove'.

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