



# Newsletter 2

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## Diary Dates

December 2020	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for returning Grand Christmas Raffle tickets
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas tree lights switched on in the school hall Christmas raffle drawn with prizes posted on Dojo at 4.30 pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bring decorations in from home to go on the outdoor Christmas tree in the playground - details below
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas tombola tickets sent home for families wanting to send £5 in to play - details below and on a flyer on Class Dojo
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Families return winning tombola tickets to school
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of the Nativity, Stars and Angels at Nunney Church - details below
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas post box open today and tomorrow Christmas tombola prizes sent home
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas post box open until 9.00 am then closed for quarantine School Christmas dinner - see below
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas party day - details below
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of term 2</b>
January 2020	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY - 3 of 5 School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First day of term 3 for pupils</b>

## Amazing Support And Generous Donations Received From Our Local Community

### Donations totalling £2,000 received from Nunney residents

In June, I wrote to Nunney Community Association (NCA) asking if they were in a position to help fund the purchase of a much-needed interactive backlit LED screen for our new third class, Squirrels. Across the COVID-19 period, with income severely restricted, NCA had set a cap of £100 for donations to local groups and charities. Hearing this and not wanting the children to be without an important educational tool, a Nunney resident set about coordinating a collection to purchase the screen. Astonishingly, less than a fortnight later, cheques and bank transfers totalling £2,000 were received by the school to cover the purchase and installation in full.

To the great delight of pupils and staff in Squirrels, the new screen was installed in the October holiday, providing a clear visual image for children and enabling them to interact with pens, teaching resources and digital content via the screen. We are deeply indebted to the many residents of Nunney who generously reached out to help when we needed to refurbish our third classroom.



### ASDA Getting Schools Back on Track Grant

In August, the school submitted an application for resources totalling £1,000 to this special grant set up by ASDA to help schools get back on track. To our delight, last week we received a letter saying our funding application had been successful and in the same envelope, there was a cheque for £1,000! The money will be used to buy new role play equipment for Squirrel Class, much needed soap dispensers, sanitising products and paper towels, which we are getting through at a rate of knots. Thank you ASDA!



### Children In Need - £94.53 raised

Thank you for your fantastic support for Children in Need. Donations totalling £94.53 were brought in and the children looked fabulous in their brightly coloured t-shirts, spotty tops and jumpers, and Pudsey themed clothing.



### **Christmas 2020 At School**

Christmas is a special time for families and for children in particular, so working within the restrictions that shape our lives at present, staff at Nunney First School are determined to ensure that the children enjoy this magical time of year. To keep everybody as safe as possible we have needed to make some changes to arrangements and ask that parents and carers embrace these in the same positive and purposeful way as you have the other adjustments we have had to make to help protect everybody.

### **Christmas Production**

As a result of restrictions that prevent gatherings of people from different households and large groups singing indoors, we are unable to stage a Christmas musical this year. Instead, children will be retelling the traditional Christmas story through narration, drama, dance and a small number of well-chosen songs sung in small groups or outside.

Costumes will come from Mrs Andrews' and Miss Alison's attics so there is nothing more for parents to do except sit back and wait for an announcement to be made about how you can access the video recording to enjoy in the comfort of your own home.



**Christmas Cards - Post Box Open MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> & TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> December only**



Typically, children love writing and receiving Christmas cards and for many, joining school is the first time this happens for them. We have a large, purpose-built Christmas post box that will stand in the hall next to our beautiful Christmas tree. On the mornings of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, children are invited to bring in cards they intend to send and pop them in the post box as they come into school. Staff will be on hand to direct and help them do this. After Tuesday, the post box will be sealed for quarantine purposes before it is opened by staff and Year 4 elf helpers wearing gloves on the last day of term when cards for each pupil will be put in a paper bag for them to bring home to open with you. Please ensure that Christian names and the class the child is in are clearly written on envelopes. Thank you.

Regretfully, this year children will not be able to bring cards in and hand them to friends on the playground.

**Letters to Father Christmas**

Working with Santa Claus, NCA is setting a post box up in the village where children can post letters to Father Christmas. Each child will write a letter in school and with staff, will walk to the special Santa post box to send it. We understand that busy though he is, Father Christmas will reply to each child.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Grand Christmas Raffle**

**Tickets back by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December please**

The Christmas raffle prize draw will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. There are lots of fantastic prizes to be won so do please do your absolute best to sell tickets that were sent home in your child's book bag at the start of term 2, to family and friends. Some of these are still in book bags, apparently unseen! The first prize is £50, there is a second prize of £25 and many other highly desirable items to win as well.



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Decorating Of The Playground Christmas Tree**

**Send PSA Christmas tree decorations into school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December please**



The outdoor Christmas tree with its bright lights, which stands proudly on the school playground each year, is always a welcome sight for those who pass the school in the evenings. Families usually work together to create the decorations for the tree and this year, because we cannot come together onsite to do this, PSA members Samantha Osment and Rachel Parker have kindly agreed to put bags of craft items and a sheet of ideas together for children to take home to enable them to make a decoration to go on the school tree, at home with their parents. We look forward to seeing what each family will create.

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Christmas Tombola**

**£5 for an envelope of 10 tickets**



Who doesn't love a tombola! The tombola is always one of the most popular stalls at the Christmas Fair and with the fair unable to go ahead this year, Mrs Andrews has come up with a way of enabling children and parents to unwrap raffle tickets they have purchased to see if any of these end in a 5 or 0 - numbers guaranteed to win a prize.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December we ask children/families who want to participate to bring £5 to school in an envelope, which they will swap for an envelope of their choice containing ten raffle tickets. They will bring this home on Wednesday evening to open with their parents. Winning tickets should be brought back into school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the same envelope so that the number can be matched with its prize and sent home on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Nunney Church - A Festival of Nativity, Stars and Angels**

Subject to the lifting of lockdown restrictions, across the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> December, Nunney Church will be open for families to look at special nativity sets people have placed on display as well as handmade stars, angels and nativity figures crafted by local residents and children in the School and Pre-School.



In school, each child will be making and decorating an angel, which staff will display for them on the church's wrought iron rood screen. There are special awards for entries by pupils in Nunney Pre-School and Nunney School, children under 18 and family entries. Visiting times will be shared via Dojo when lockdown restrictions are lifted. We are sure that the display created by your little angels will draw positive attention!

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Dinner**



This is a traditional Christmas dinner with vegetarian, dairy and gluten free meals catered for. We do hope that most children will join in with this very special and festive lunch.

If your child has school dinners, no action is needed. Where children normally have sandwiches, Mrs Haines will send a separate Christmas dinner order form home. Please complete and return this with £2.45 as a contribution towards the cost of the meal by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you.

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party & Mufti Day**

This is a non-uniform day when children are invited to come to school in clothes they enjoy wearing. There will be a normal school lunch but in the morning, pupils will prepare healthy party snacks for the afternoon without using any single use plastic! We have heard that with the help of NCA, Father Christmas plans to deliver a suitably quarantined gift for each child at the school.

