



**The Colleton Primary School**  
**Briefing no 4 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Dear Families,**

During November we've been focusing on Aspiration and discussing making 'baby steps' towards our goals and dreams. Some of the children that have demonstrated this value in school will be given a hot chocolate to enjoy at home over the weekend.

We also celebrated Diwali and hope that those of you that celebrate this at home were able to do so in an enjoyable way given our current national restrictions.

**The Terrible Duckodile**

The children were delighted to have this book read to them during one of our virtual assemblies by the book's author – Mr Darren Blunden. He is a parent of two children at our school and talked about how he wrote the book and how the children could aspire to become writers as well as talking about his career as a chef. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book you can do so directly through [Olympiapublishers.com](http://Olympiapublishers.com).

**Thank you!**

- To everyone for sorting out and bringing in your **Bag2School** - you have raised £224.70
- We also as a community, raised £362.86 for Children in Need – What a fantastic effort!

**MT Marathon for Charity**

The children in MT had two assemblies about the children's wards at the Royal Marsden hospital over the last 2 weeks. The Royal Marsden is a hospital specialising in cancer treatment. They heard about the 'brave boxes' of toys and games that the children usually receive from the hospital to help them cope with their treatment. Children also receive Christmas presents and stockings if they are being treated over the Christmas period. The toys and games have to be new, not second hand, due to the risk of infection.

They found out that because of Covid-19, people are no longer donating toys and games to the Royal Marsden and they have now run out of toys and games to give the children who are being treated there. Our lovely MT children decided they would like to do something about this situation by raising money to be donated to the hospital so the children there can have new toys and games for their brave boxes and for Christmas.

They ran a Middle Team Marathon (to link with their Ancient Greek topic) throughout the day on this Wednesday. Each MT bubble ran for an hour and a half in relay groups with breaks in between for water and rest. They had already been training hard during their daily Mile Run. Their ambition was to run at least 26 miles between them and maybe more. They actually managed 4,210 laps of the field which is the equivalent of 10 marathons! WELL DONE MT. It was such a lovely event. The children and teachers showed great stamina and really encouraged each other during the event. Thank you to Mrs Phipps for organising it.

**Christmas Lunch – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas is not cancelled in school; it just needs to be a little bit different but we hope just as festive! Christmas dinner will be enjoyed by all of the children and staff eating their Christmas dinner together in their reg group. There will be no packed lunches on this day as ALL children are expected to have a Christmas meal.

They will be given a Turkey meal unless you email us by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December stating they would prefer a vegetarian option. The menu this year is:

Main = Roast Turkey, Chipolata Sausage, Stuffing

Vegetarian = Vegan festive parcel (vegan mince, leek, potato)

Both will be served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and peas, Gravy (optional)

Followed by Christmas Ginger Shortbread with a pot of Strawberry & Vanilla Ice cream. The cost will be £2.10 payable via your Scopay account.

### **NO Christmas Cards**

Due to COVID restrictions we will not be running the children's post box this year for Christmas Cards. Please do not send in any cards for children or staff.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

I know the children like to start early with their wearing of Christmas jumpers but on the official day we will be collecting for **Daisy's Dream**. If your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper to school on that day please put your donation into the box that will be outside your reg group.

### **End of Term**

Please note we will finish school earlier on the last day of term. In order to keep everyone safe on site, each reg group will leave 1 hour earlier than their usual on 18<sup>th</sup> December. ASC will be running as normal from this time and will finish at 5pm.

### **Movement around the School Site**

As you know, we are continually monitoring the situation with pick up and drop off to keep everyone safe:

- Please keep the 2-metre social distance space when you are entering and leaving the school site and waiting on the playgrounds at pick up.
- Ensure you use the 1-way system when entering and leaving Little Acorns site particularly along the narrow fence area when entering via the front gate and leaving via the back gate
- If you are only dropping off a middle team child via the back gate it is fine to enter via the gate near the pool changing room and then exit across the back of the playground along the narrow pathway
- Parents collecting from Foundation stage garden please be mindful that other parents are walking through that area to either pick up other children or exit the site. Please make sure you stand back to leave a clear path so that they can do so whilst adhering to social distancing.

### **Our Values in action**

During December we will be focusing on kindness. During these challenging times, it's never been more important to show kindness to ourselves, each other and the wider community. I'll be talking to the children about the idea of a reverse advent calendar where instead of receiving something each day we add to a box of supplies to donate to the local foodbank if we are in a fortunate enough position to be able to do so.

As a school we are working on further developing our appreciation of diversity and culture. As part of this work, we are planning to extend our existing collection of quality books to share with the children so that this is reflected in our library and the literature that our children read. We will share an Amazon Wish List nearer to Christmas should you wish to make a contribution, it would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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