



New York Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas and beyond:

As we draw nearer to Christmas, we have many things to look forward to. With the Festive Clothing Day, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party all planned from Friday 11th December onwards. Please have a look at the calendar below. The PTA have organised a raffle, with amazing prizes. You have all supported the school tremendously throughout a very difficult year and we as a staff thank you for that.

On a COVID note... The restrictions in our area will not change before Christmas. It has been confirmed that Lincolnshire will move into tier 3 as part of a return to localised lockdowns in response to the coronavirus pandemic. When the national lockdown ends on December 2, the region will immediately be placed into the most restrictive tier, with an alert level known as 'very high'.

With this in mind, our plans will remain the same both inside school and out. Please be mindful of how we wait outside the gates and what we can and can't bring into school. Take care and stay safe...

E-Safety:

TikTok - more parental control:

With TikTok surging in popularity, including children deliberately increasing their followers to 1,000 so that they can go live, it's good to see TikTok making more controls available for parents. The features, which are available via Family Pairing, include the ability to prevent the child searching and preventing strangers from seeing the child's post. [THIS](#) link will show you the new and the older features.

PlayStation 5 - Parental Settings:

With the new gaming consoles at the top of many wish lists this year (including mine!) this is a timely guide from Andy Robertson which includes how to set up a parent account and a child account. Setting up the PlayStation 5 for your family - click [HERE](#).

Games for (younger) Children:

Staying on the gaming theme, Internet Matters has a new article for parents showing some of the top child-friendly games for children aged 3 upwards. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

Headteacher Awards:

Archer Pearce	Encouraging and helping team mate in PE
James King	Fantastic sportsmanship in PE
Kaiden Toulson	Fantastic control in PE (hockey)
Bradley Barnes	Super box model
James King	Perseverance in DT
Kyra Sanders	Blending in phonics
Harley Hulley	Reaching above the stars
Nancie Mastin	Reaching above the stars
Amy King	Helping younger children
Harley Denham	Brilliant attitude in PE
Amelia Newman	Reaching above the stars

House Point Winners: The Blue Sapphires!

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: Jaxx Sidwells **Class 2: Amelia Newman**

Shining Stars:

Harley Hulley	Fantastic phonics
Archer Pearce	Improved concentration and making good choices
Adelaide Christie	Progress in blending sounds
James Potts	Always working hard
Amy King	Excellent effort in all areas
Sunny Birks	Brilliant attitude to his learning
Kyle Edwards	Increased confidence at break time

Dates for your diary:

End of Term 2	Thursday 17 th Dec 2020
Start of Term 3	Monday 4 th Jan 2021
End of Term 3	Friday 12 th Feb 2021
Start of Term 4	Monday 22 nd Feb 2021
End of Term 4	Wednesday 31 st Mar 2021
Start of Term 5	Monday 19 th April 2021
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2021
End of Term 5	Friday 28 th May 2021
Start of Term 5	Monday 7 th June 2021
End of Term 5	Wednesday 21 st July 2021

A little of what we've been up to this week...



Reading at home:

Our continued focus of the newsletter is how we assess the seven areas of reading, so that you will be able to support your children even more at home.

Assessment Focus 5:

Explain and comment on the writer's use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level.

- Comment on the effects of specific words and how they convey meaning e.g. ideas, characters, atmosphere.**
- Discuss language patterns and how they contribute to the meaning e.g. refrains, rhymes or repetition.**
- Find examples of powerful adjectives. What do they tell you about the characters or setting?**
- How has the writer tried to engage the reader?**
- How has the writer encouraged the reader... to read on**

THE SCHOOL'S PROMOTIONAL VIDEO WILL GO LIVE 4.00PM NEXT FRIDAY EVENING. THE LINK WILL BE ON NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER!