



# MINERVA NEWSLETTER 7

## 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Over the last two weeks in school, it has begun to feel a lot more like Christmas. Our tree is up in the hall with our children decorating it with lights, tinsel and baubles. As I walk around the school, I hear children in all classes learning songs and being creative. As part of our *Home for Heroes* project children are making, paper chains and lanterns and writing poems. I look forward to following the walking winter trail that our children are part of.

Next week if children would like to wear their Christmas jumpers on Tuesday and Wednesday, I will be wearing mine for the Christmas lunch and parties.

I remain proud of our school community. It has been a difficult term for many children, families and colleagues needing to self-isolate and adapt to new ways of teaching and learning. Despite this everyday our ethos and values of *'learning, believing, growing and achieving'* have been demonstrated throughout the school.

I wish everyone a restful and special winter break with family and friends. Stay safe.

Jenny Harvey (Principal)



### WINTER PERFORMANCES

Next week we will be sharing our Christmas and Winter performance with you all. From Wednesday 16th December, you will be able to see a recorded version of the children's performances by logging on to teams. A text will be sent out with the link once it is available to watch. The children have been very busy practicing!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Tuesday 15th December

Christmas lunch: Reception, & Years 1 & 2

Christmas parties: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

#### Wednesday 16th December

Christmas lunch: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Christmas parties: Reception, & Years 1 & 2

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of Term 2 for pupils

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

INSET day

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

INSET day

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

First day of Term 3 for pupils

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS –

#### HOW TO REPORT A POSITIVE COVID 19 TEST RESULT

From **18th December** please report a positive test result by email to [Positive.Results@clf.uk](mailto:Positive.Results@clf.uk) or telephone **0117 370 4626 extension 1103**.

Please leave the following information:

- **Your Name**
- **Your child's name**
- **The Academy they attend.**
- **Date of first symptoms**
- **The date of the test**
- **The date of the positive result.**

If you have had a test and the result has not come back after 48 hours please also report this using the email and telephone number above.

All school emails and telephone numbers **won't be monitored** until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, so please use email and telephone number above. This information will also be published on our school website.

In case of an emergency regarding COVID19 during Christmas holidays, please contact 111/119.

Across the school we have been celebrating amazing figures in Black History. During Black History Month, in October each class researched a significant figure and created a piece to be displayed.

## BLACK HISTORY



### WRAP AROUND CLUB

There are places available for our breakfast and after school club in the mornings and afternoons in terms 3 & 4. Please phone school office for more information 0117 372990

### Do you want to support our school to develop our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) agenda?

At Minerva, we pride ourselves on valuing and celebrating everyone's unique story and experience. However, we know that we can always do more and we want to develop the most inclusive environment we possibly can for the children in our community. We would like to create a parent steering group whereby you can help us to improve our EDI offer to families and share your opinions about issues that should be discussed or tackled. If this is something you feel passionate about and already have ideas, please speak to Miss Roden or Mrs Crossley in the playground



## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following children for being chosen as 'Friends Against Bullying' Buddies for their class:

Alex, Federico, Aurnyn, Safa, Brooke, Kezia, Diana, Faiz, Adam-Lee, Ivy and Faith.

### PARKING AROUND SCHOOL.



Please be aware the single yellow line opposite school **does not permit parking between 8am-6pm.** Please be considerate at all times to all road users and do not park in or across the entrance of the staff car park.

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

As requested on our most recent parents survey, we have set up an on-line payment and booking system for school dinners, WAC and trips from the start of term 3.

Letters with your child's individual log in have been sent home. **Please follow the instructions and download your app to get set up. Cash payments won't be accepted from term 3 onwards.**

### HEALTHY SCHOOLS



Next term we will be re-introducing our Living streets programme, encouraging healthy ways to get to and from school. We will be promoting park and stride options in particular. This will reduce traffic and congestion around the school gate in the mornings and afternoons.

Thank you if you are already doing this

### DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CHILD'S READING BOOK!

Please ensure your child brings in their reading book to change next week, so they have a book to read over the Christmas holiday.

Monday - Year 4

Tuesday - Year 5

Wednesday - Year 1

Thursday - Year 3

Friday AM - Year 2

Friday PM - Year 6



To comply with quarantining, your child can **only exchange and return their book on this day.**

Thank you for your assistance.

# e-safety news

**Encrypted messaging poses a danger,  
warns children's commissioner.**



Scan the QR code for the full article.

The Council have put together videos in community languages sharing advice about Tier 3 which some of our families may find useful.

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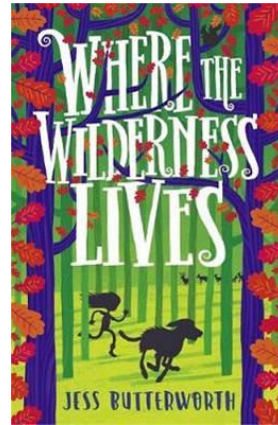
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You can watch the videos here:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzBMJEVI\\_oKlpGGBHQSwZdOcln0CRrzeO](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzBMJEVI_oKlpGGBHQSwZdOcln0CRrzeO)

## MISS RODEN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

**For Years 5 & 6**



An epic race for survival that follows four children and their dog through treacherous waterways, dense forests and the deep, dark wilderness of Wales. From author Jess Butterworth comes a beautifully written adventure story in a vibrantly described setting - **perfect for fans of Katherine Rundell.**

Did you know there is a local COVID 19 community care group - they can be contacted through Facebook - Maybe you need support over the holiday or would like to volunteer?

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1479015522267235/>

### [BS16 COVID-19 Community Care Group](#)

BS16 COVID-19 Community Care Group has 1,907 members. We are an informal community support group for the BS16 area, enabling neighbours to ask and offer help to neighbours with supplies, driving,...

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** <https://minervaprimaryacademy.clf.uk/> **TWITTER** <https://twitter.com/MinervaCLF>

