



# MINERVA NEWSLETTER 6

## 27th November 2020

This week I have been so impressed with how the MPA community has adapted, shown resilience and remained motivated to continue their high-quality teaching and learning.

As you will be aware last Friday, we had to close 4 bubbles due to a positive COVID result in each. The dedicated MPA staff team quickly put all our planning and training for 'learning at distance' into practice. Each bubble of learners has been able to access three daily live lessons delivered by their class teacher. Children have been completing assignments and then receive feedback so they can make further improvements. Levels of engagement has been particularly impressive in Y5 and Y6 with some lessons having 100% attendance. In school everyone has been reminded about the importance of hand and respiratory hygiene and maintaining distance from other bubbles. Even with children at home we have all stayed connected with whole school assemblies delivered through Microsoft TEAMS.

If you have not had the opportunity to set up your child's Microsoft TEAMS account, please spend some time over the weekend looking at our 'how to' guides. You will find more information in the attached guide. If you need further help with this please contact the school office or via your child's year group email.

Wishing you all a restful weekend - stay safe.

Jenny Harvey (Principal)



### CHRISTMAS SCHOOL DINNER

To keep the integrity of our bubbles, Christmas dinner will be offered over 2 days this year for the usual cost of £2.30. Please complete the form e-mailed to you on Monday of this week with your child's preference from the following options:

- **Traditional:** Turkey roast dinner followed by ice cream
- **Halal:** Chicken roast dinner followed by ice cream
- **Vegetarian:** Vegetable parcel followed by ice cream
- or packed lunch from home.

**Deadline for replies is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Reception, Year 1 & Year 2** will have their school Christmas dinner on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December their school dinner option will be a cheese sandwich, biscuit and fruit only.

**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** will have their school Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December their school dinner option will be cheese sandwich, biscuit and fruit only.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

## WELCOME

Following a national recruitment process we are delighted to announce Mrs Shaw, our new Vice Principal will join us in January!

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

If your child is wanting to give Christmas cards to their friends this year...they can put them in their classroom box. Please make sure they DO NOT LICK the envelopes.

The cards will be left there 'in quarantine' until Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December when they will be distributed for the children to take home.

*Please note: no class lists will be provided.*

## SAFEGUARDING



Last week, we had 2 safeguarding assemblies for children - one based on the NSPCC campaign Speak out, Stay safe & one to mark anti-bullying week.

Why not ask your child to tell you what they learned and discussed?



More information about both topics can be found at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> and <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS

On our 'Wellbeing Website' there is a new short video with 4 simple strategies to use at home for calming BIG feelings. Please use the link below:

<https://wellbeingminervaclf.wordpress.com/blog-2/>

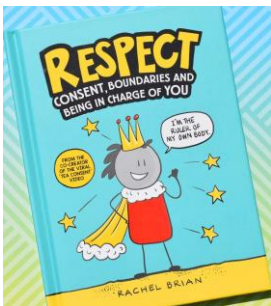
You can also find 'brain breaks' there too. Short, simple activities for use at home between learning sessions.

### Did you know?

Every morning your child takes part in a wake and shake activity. This may be Joe Wicks PE or a dance routine. The children have been really enjoying it and teachers have noticed how it prepares children for their first lesson of the day.

## MISS RODEN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

**RESPECT: Consent, boundaries and being in charge of you** by Rachel Brian



Shortlisted for the 2020 North Somerset Children's Book Award, this humorous and insightful introduction to consent is the perfect teaching tool, conversation starter, and entertaining, empowering guide for kids and families everywhere. For KS2 and KS1 with parental support.

Have you applied for benefit linked Free School Meals/Pupil Premium funding?

If you are eligible and your child's class bubble closes you could receive free food vouchers.

Please contact the school office on 0117 3772990 or email [info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk) to apply.

## PUPIL VOICE SURVEY-



What does reading for pleasure look like at Minerva right now?

Please can your child complete the short 12 question survey following the link below, with parental support if required.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViObpySMIkM0IMbibQtAkUPBZNXWqTtDqyn0PjQMz15UQzc3VzJQNzA3WDA3VVI4TE0xRVA2RFdJMy4u>

## HELPING YOUR CHILD READ Parent/carers workshop via TEAMS

**When:** Friday 11th December 2020, 11:15am and 2:15pm.

**How:** Virtual via teams (we will email you the teams link)

**What:** This workshop will give you tips on how to help your child get the most out of reading. They'll be time for your questions at the end.

**Who:** This will be with Miss Wright, Literacy lead at MPA and Ms Symonds who supports reading across the CLF.

Please email [info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk) to confirm which time slot you would like to attend by Thursday, 10th December.

## CASH PAYMENTS

Please can all cash payments be put in a **sealed envelope**, clearly marked with:

- your child's name
- class
- amount
- what the payment is for  
eg: dinner money or Wrap Around



**Thank you for your assistance.**



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, you raised a total £252.07 for children in need.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.**

