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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our virtual school trip to Nepal

Well, it finally happened! Our zoom call took place on Wednesday this week with our partner schools both in Nepal and in the UK. After a few connectivity problems, we gathered many of our children together and connected to children in their classrooms in Nepal. The children in both countries enjoyed taking part and listened intently during the 30-minute call. A representative from each class was able to ask a question and these varied from, 'What time does your school start?', 'How many children are there in each class?' 'Do you celebrate Christmas?' and perhaps the favourite, 'What do you like to eat?' We told them about our national dishes and discovered that the majority of people in Nepal are Hindus and therefore do not celebrate Christmas. The Nepalese do celebrate many other festivals though. We found out too that in Kathmandu and Bhaktapur they do not have snow, which surprised many children because Mount Everest is in Nepal. Our children picked out a lot of similarities between the schools in the two countries and also pointed out some differences. Our children were also amazed that the older Nepalese children could speak English so well and that for the children in Nepal it was nearly their home time, when we had only just begun the day! We hope that we will be able to have more zoom calls in the future and learn from each other and collaborate on projects.

KS1 - Little Wandle and Collins E-library

As per our previous letter, you have all received your log-ins for the Little Wandle E-library alongside the instructions and parent guide for using the E-library. We hope you are enjoying listening to your child read the books, which have been assigned to them according to their secure phonics knowledge. Whilst we appreciate it is a busy time of year, we are aware that not everyone has logged on to the library so far and would just urge you all to do so, so that you can see what books your child is following in school. As well as accessing the E-library by the internet (<https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>), you can also download the 'Collins eBooks app', which is available for iOS from the App Store. The app is free to download, and you can log in using the same details. Unfortunately, the app for Android is not yet ready; however, they are in the process of developing this, which will support users of Big Cat.

If anyone has any issues with being able to access the E-library, due to device connectivity issues or because you have lost the log-ins, then please do let us know and we will do our best to help.

Christmas Dinner- Wednesday 15th December 2021- Christmas dinner. Karen and Jane will be serving a delicious Christmas meal on Wednesday 15th December. (Sorry for the confusion over the date last week!) Please make sure you have ordered this by Monday 13th December 2021 at the latest using the Google Form link below or by contacting the school office. Payments, where applicable, can be made in the usual way.

Google Link <https://forms.gle/Z1K7AtXR33rKMDfA>

Wednesday 15th December 2021- PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn. Please bring a donation for the coloured hampers on Monday 13th December.

Thursday 16th December 2021- We will be taking the children to St Nicholas’s Church for our Christmas Services. We will have three services for each of our bubbles: Reception/Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. Unfortunately, we will only be able to accommodate children and staff this year.

Friday 17th December 2021- back by popular demand- PTA fundraiser-Break the Rules Day!



Break the Rules Day

17th December



| Choose up to 4 of the following for only £1 each! | | | | |
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| Wear a Christmas Top | Wear something spotty or sparkly | Have temporary tattoos | Bring crisps or a biscuit for break | Wear face paint |
| Eat pudding first at lunchtime | Wear a Christmas hat | Have coloured hair | Bring juice in a water bottle | Have crazy hair |
| Come as a superhero | Wear a onesie | Wear a football kit | Come in fancy dress | Something else (within reason!) |

Please can donations be brought to school on the day





PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SCHOOL IS A NUT-FREE ZONE

Football news from Mrs Rowntree

We took a team of 5 to the newly created Go Store football festival. This was organised with York City Community Foundation and was a super event with 2 hours of jam-packed activity. Our team enjoyed meeting children from other schools and played 5 matches in total. The emphasis of the day was based on fun, sportsmanship and getting active and Dunnington did all of those things. Superb goals were scored, excellent goalkeeping was on display and fantastic team work throughout. Our certificate will be added to our trophy display in school. Thank you to the parents who dealt with the logistics in their working day to get the children transported and from this event!



Message from York City FC Foundation

York City FC Foundation are delighted to be supporting York City FC with an offer of FREE Children's tickets to our home game on Saturday 11th December vs Chorley FC.

Safeguarding- Five Minute Reads for Parents

Please find attached a Five Minute Read on You Tube and You Tube Kids

With very best wishes,

Caroline Hancy

Attachments

- Parent Factsheet on YouTube and YouTube Kids