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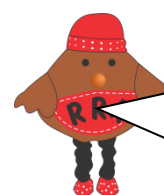
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Dear Parent/carer,

We had a fun week following the 'Five to Thrive' for Children in Need each day working on some key well-being strategies for the children. Friday was lots of fun with everyone in spots raising over £150. We also marked Remembrance Day with a minute silence and a special assembly recorded for us by Vicar Justin.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Jenkins



Right of the month:
Everyone who works
with children should
do the best for each
child



Christmas Concert

I am afraid to say that due to the current restrictions we will not be able to hold our usual Christmas concert or fair this year. This is a disappointment for us, the children and the whole school community. However, we are not going to let this dampen our Christmas spirit. We are putting together a short Christmas video for each class with the children performing some favourite items. This will be shared with you all the last week of term for you to enjoy as a family.

We are also looking to run a Christmas raffle to help us raise some well-needed funds for the school. To this end, we are calling on your generosity for donations of prizes for the raffle and perhaps you could contact any local businesses who you think would be willing to help. Any donations will be gratefully received. We already have some signed memorabilia from Sam Warburton to start the ball rolling. Each child will be given some tickets to bring home near the end of term.

Digital Needs Survey

During the first lockdown, we looked to identify those pupils that were digitally excluded and with the support of Swansea Council and Welsh Government, provided connectivity and devices to learners. We are currently trying to ascertain any further barriers to home/blended learning, especially those caused by digital exclusion.

The LA would be grateful if you could complete the survey below to enable us to find what these barriers are and so that we can continue to provide appropriate strategies that support you with the continuation of learning.

<https://forms.gle/ZVZvpALvNbsVfWUA>.

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Wearing Masks on School site

As part of our ongoing bid to keep school safe from Wednesday 11th November all members of the public will be required to wear face masks on the school site. For parents and other relatives this means making sure you wear a mask at drop off and pick up times or any other time you visit the school. This is in line with Swansea LA guidance and our partner schools in the Bishopston cluster. Staff will not generally wear face masks inside the school, but will do under certain circumstances. The message from LA is as follows:

As the wearing of face masks becomes normalised in society, we support all schools who will require parents to wear face masks on any school grounds or premises (both inside and outside) and any school who communicates this message to parents will be supported by the Education Directorate should we receive any queries. In addition, we recognise that staff are increasingly making the choice of wearing face masks within schools and we respect this choice.

Pupil Voice

More from our pupil groups coming soon.

Mr X Appeal 2020

We are running the Mr X Appeal this year and given the current circumstances, we have had to make a few changes to how we usually run our appeal.

This year if you would like a child's name please contact the school office. You will need to buy gifts for this child and place in a Christmas style bag with the child's name and reference number. Please also include wrapping paper in your Christmas bags.

Please take all gifts to one of the following collection points by Thursday 3rd December.

Collection Points – South Gower Sports Club, Allsorz card shop in Killay, Dawson's Estate Agents at Gorseinon, Sketty, Mumbles and Llanelli and the Quadrant Shopping Centre.

If you would like to make donations of gifts only then please drop at South Gower Sports Club who are a collection point for the Mr X Appeal.

Easy fundraising

Thank-you to everyone who has registered and joined easy fundraising to collect donations. We currently have 74 supporters and have raised a total of £2,229.47. So a big thank-you to everyone who is collecting donations and if you are not yet registered then please follow the steps below.

We are raising money for Knelston Primary School – Swansea via easy fundraising.

It's so simple to get going all you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/knelstonprimary>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start raising

No catches, no hidden charges and Knelston Primary School - Swansea will be really grateful for your donations. It would be fantastic if you could join me and really help make a difference.

Music Lessons

Music lessons are as normal each Tuesday with Mrs Gibbs. Children need to bring in their instruments in to take part in the lessons.

Clubs

All clubs are on hold until further notice

INSET Days

- **Monday 21st December**
- **Tuesday 22nd December**

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School term and holiday dates 2020/2021

Term	Term begins	Term ends	Mid-term holiday		Term begins	Term ends	Total days
			Begins	Ends			
Autumn 2020	Tuesday 1 September	Friday 23 October	Monday 26 October	Friday 30 October	Monday 2 November	Tuesday 22 December	76
Spring 2021	Monday 4 January	Friday 12 February	Monday 15 February	Friday 19 February	Monday 22 February	Friday 26 March	55
Summer 2021	Monday 12 April	Friday 28 May	Monday 31 May	Friday 4 June	Monday 7 June	Friday 16 July	64
Total:							195

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