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NEWSLETTER

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HEADLINE NEWS

We have our very own superhero in school this week when Mr Daubney, our caretaker, leapt into action with his fire extinguisher and put out a raging fire which had started in a black taxi outside school. When the fire engine arrived, he had already saved the day. Well done Mr Daubney!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOE BOX APPEAL 2021

Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. It is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990 the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 80 million boys and girls in over 130 countries. Often a shoebox full of gifts is the only present these children will receive at all. Again this year, we have decided as a school to support this project. Our aim is to collect as many shoeboxes as we can in the short time we have so that they can be sent to disadvantaged children. We would really appreciate your support with this charity.



Your child will have brought home a leaflet that will explain what items you can buy and how to pack your shoebox etc. If you would like to donate a shoebox **or just donate some items**, please check the list on the leaflet. It also tells you what NOT to bring in.

Please send in your shoebox (or items) no later than Friday 19th November.

If you want any further information about the project, please look at:

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

We appreciate your help in supporting this valuable project and hope that together we can bring some joy into the lives of children who would otherwise have nothing this Christmas.

YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On **Tuesday 23rd November**, Year 5 parents are invited into school to watch their children's class assembly, based on their topic 'Amazing Americas'. Please come to the main entrance ready for the performance to begin at 9.15am.

School Meals—Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday 16th December. If your child is on packed lunches but would like a school dinner that day, you must pay £2.50 on our online payment system Pay360. The link is on the school website. If you have not yet registered, ask at the office for an invitation code. You must have paid and let the office know by Friday 3rd December.



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Extra-Curricular Clubs: Ask for a permission slip at the office.

Monday: Y2 Reading Club (by invite only)

Tuesday: Football Club (Y5&6) at Uppermill 3G pitch at Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre 4–5pm.
Y3 Reading Club (by invite only)

Wednesday: Morning Running Club (Y2-6) 8.15am

Thursday: Netball Club (Y5&6) 3.20–4.15pm FULL
Lego Club (Rec, Y1 & Y2) 3.20–4.15pm FULL

FOOTBALL RESULTS

On Tuesday, we played our first matches in almost two years! Each week, we will play against St Agnes' and another of our DLP schools, in a 'Round-robin' event. This week, our guests were Delph Primary School. Results were as follows: St Agnes' 0-3 Delph; St Thomas' 0-2 Delph, St Thomas' 0-1 St Agnes'. Despite being beaten in both fixtures, the team produced some brilliant performances, demonstrating outstanding attitudes and teamwork.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all those children who completed the six-book challenge in the holidays. This scheme is run by the library service and certificates and badges were awarded in Wednesday's Celebration Assembly. We need to value our local libraries if we want to keep them. Call into Lees library when you are passing with the children, you might be surprised how much they enjoy it!

Orienteering with the DLP

This week four members of Year 3 and 4 took part in an Orienteering event at Diggle school. The children competed against other schools in the Dovestone Learning Partnership to great success. They were tasked with reading maps and unscrambling words to find the answers to the clues. Well done to all involved.

School Fundraising—Christmas Market

Our 'new style' Christmas Fair this year is 'Handmade with Love'. Every class will be making quality seasonal gifts which will be on sale at our Christmas Market in the main hall and annexe building on **Wednesday 8th December**. The choir will be joining us and Santa has been booked!

We can't wait to welcome you to this Christmas event to have some fun and festive cheer. We think you will love it!

Whilst we want to create most of our goods, we still need your help with some of our more traditional stalls, so please can we ask you to support this fundraiser by bringing in some bottles and/or chocolate for our tombola stalls. Thank you.