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## Recycle your Spots

On **Friday 19th November 2021** we will be raising funds for BBC Children in Need. As you know the focus for Children in Need is "Together, we can change the lives of the children and young people that need us most."

This year we will be celebrating the day by having a day when the children can come to school without their uniform wearing spots...but this year with a twist. At Kingfisher we focus on developing the children's understanding and knowledge of being a Global Citizen and what that means, how we can look after our planet, something which is very much at the forefront of our minds at the moment. So this year the spots that we wear to school On Friday 19th November 2021 will be recycled spots made from items around our homes that we no longer have a need for. You can make this as simple or complicated as you want from just wearing a recycled round badge that you have made to a full blown recycled costume with spots



*We can't wait to see what you create to wear on the 19th November*

## Christmas Performances

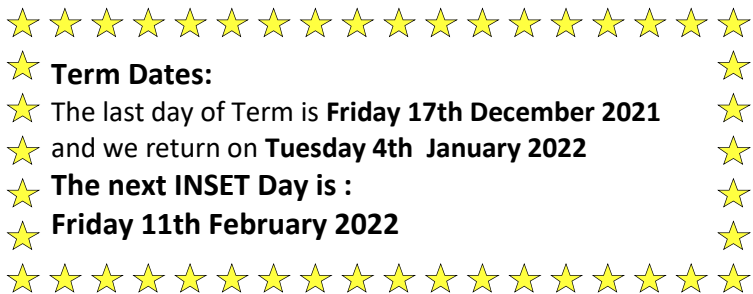
Unfortunately, like last year we are unable to do our usual live performances in school for our families and friends. So the children in our Early Years, Foundation Stage 1 and 2 as well as children in Y1, Y2 and Y3 will be recording their performances and we hope to be able to place a link on our website to enable all our families to watch the performance from the comfort of their own homes.



Whilst we appreciate this is not quite the same as coming into school and seeing the performance in person we hope it will still give you the opportunity to see your child perform and experience a little bit of Christmas.

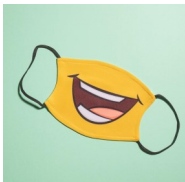
In the coming weeks permission letters will be coming home for you to read and return to school to give permission for your child to be recorded and appear in the performance to be shared with families. If you do not wish your child to appear in the recording, it doesn't mean they won't be able to take part in all the rehearsing they just would not be recorded.

We will provide you with more updates as we move into December.



## Thank-you

I would like to say a huge thank you to our families for supporting the request we made at the start of this half term for adults to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up. We want to ensure that we keep everyone safe at these times when it is more difficult to social distance.



## Digital Parenting

Now, more than ever, safety around children accessing digital and remote learning online is of the upmost importance. As a school, we are always keen to promote online safety and would like to share the following website – where you can access the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine and many other additional resources regarding internet safety: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>



## Christmas Cards in School

As you know each we usually have our Christmas Card Post Box in school for children to bring their cards into school and post for them to be delivered to classes.

As you will already be aware we are operating under very different guidance currently to protect everyone and to ensure that we can keep the school open and avoid the closure of classes and segments of the school—something which with your support has been possible this half term.

With the new measures in place for the rest of the Autumn Term up to Christmas we will not be able to have our post box this year and so regretfully I would ask that just for this year cards are not sent into school at Christmas. This is really not something I want to do but we need to ensure the safety of everyone. I would just like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is **96%** and our whole school attendance currently stands at **92.9%**. Thank you for helping us to continue to aim to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday.

Year Group	Current Attendance
Reception (FS2)	<b>91.7%</b>
Year 1	<b>92.3%</b>
Year 2	<b>93.6%</b>
Year 3	<b>91.4%</b>
Year 4	<b>92.8%</b>
Year 5	<b>92.5%</b>
Year 6	<b>94.7%</b>

This half term we will be focusing on the next steps for your child's learning so being in school is crucial to ensure they can focus on the key aspects of learning which will support them as they move into the Spring Term.

Being in school is important at any time, but especially this year as we have planned our curriculum approach to support the areas of learning which have been impacted on over the last two years of disruption. The plans will help to address any areas of learning that may not have been covered in previous years as well as the curriculum for the current year.



## Photograph Days

School photograph day will be on **Friday 12th November 2021**. This will be for individual photographs



## Water Bottles

All children should have a water bottle in school containing water which the children can access during lessons. Unfortunately, with the COVID situation, we are unable to provide cups for children to have water so we would strongly encourage all parents to provide a water bottle.

