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THORNEYHOLME NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th December 2020

The Sunshine Society

Our new Mini Vinnies group have chosen a new name for their group - The Sunshine Society. They have recently made two boxes. One box is a positive box, where inside there are pieces of paper with positive actions written on them, for example: to open the door for others; to smile at as many people as you can and once a week they will pull an action out of the box and the whole school will do it. The other box is a suggestions box. Children or adults in our school family (community) are welcome to put the name of someone who needs a bit of cheering up or are in need of their sunshine joy. They will send that person a card, a drawing and a photocopy of some poems they have written. Three little parcels of sunshine have already been sent. Please send into school the name of a person who they could help, with their address or details of how to pass the parcel on.



Bishop John Arnold

Last week the school was very excited to receive a phone call from Bishop John Arnold. Bishop Arnold rang to thank one of our pupils (Andrew) for his letter asking whether he could possibly organise a live-streamed/recorded Christmas Mass for all the schools from Salford Cathedral. Bishop Arnold thought it was a wonderful idea and has set a date for Thursday 17th December 2020 at 2pm. He also commented on how he would be delighted to visit the school again, when the times 'allow' him to.

Festive Season Staying Safe Online

As the festive season gets underway, many children and young people may receive gifts they can use to go online so it is a good opportunity to give some thought to how we can support them to stay safe whilst having fun. Attached to this newsletter are top tips from Lancashire Safeguarding Boards.

UN Child Right Article of the Month



Every child has the right to the best possible health and environment.

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Winner of the Lancashire Regional Engineer Awards

Congratulations to William, our Year 6 pupil from last year. He was selected as the winner of the Lancashire region in the Primary Engineer Awards. He will receive some prizes in the post, which will include a pair of Virtual Reality goggles. You can view his winning design by using the following link: <https://leadersaward.com/2020-online-galleries/>

Another Winner

Andrew in Year 6 was the winner of the primary section of the Ribble Valley Mayor Christmas Card Design Competition. Isla's design also got a special mention. Mayor Stella Brunskill will be visiting the school on Monday to meet our artistic children and winner.

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Alpaca Experience

Hamilton, Marley, Paddington and Smudge plus Jimmy and Timmy the sheep, were the names of some of the alpaca family and friends from Wood End Farm, who met up with the children and staff at school on Monday afternoon. The Christmas Special Alpaca Experience was very kindly offered to the school in order to support the children's wellbeing and mental health during the continuing pandemic. The children and staff enjoyed the positive effects of being with such beautiful animals, in idyllic countryside, with a circular walk along the local tracks. At the end of the walk, the children asked Alison (the owner and organiser of the Alpaca Experience) many questions about the alpacas. What could possibly be on the children's Christmas presents lists this year?

An enormous thank you to the owners and helpers of Wood End Farm for making it such a special afternoon and experience for all the children and staff. Please view the school website GALLERY for more photographs and visit their website too for more information.

<http://www.visitwoodendfarm.co.uk/>



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

12 noon at St Hubert's RC Church, Dunsop Bridge

3pm, 5pm & 7pm at St Michael & St John's RC Church, Clitheroe

6pm & 8pm at St Mary's RC Church, Sabden

Christmas Day

8am at St Hubert's RC Church, Dunsop Bridge

10am at St Michael & St John's RC Church, Clitheroe

Dates for your Diaries

- **Tuesday 15th December 2020** Life Education Bus staff delivering lessons to small groups
- **Thursday 17th December 2020** Christmas lunch when children are encouraged to come into school wearing a Christmas Jumper for a £1 donation towards the CARITAS Advent Appeal 'No Room at the Inn'. CARITAS is campaigning for those who are homeless in the local area; those without a permanent 'forever' home.
- **Friday 18th December 2020** Christmas Party Day! Children are to come to school for the day in their Christmas party clothes.

Finally, school will close at 3.30pm on Friday 18th December 2020 and will re-open on Monday 4th January 2021. From all the staff and governors here at Thorneyholme, we would like to wish you a very happy, healthy and restful Christmas and New Year!

See you in 2021!



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