



# MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

## Message from Mrs Jackson



### Headteacher

Dear Parents

#### Health and Safety

Thank you all for your continued efforts in following the school rules to ensure the measures we have in place relating to Covid prevention are effective. On 2nd December the current lockdown period will be over and it is more than likely that Newham will re-enter Tier 2 restrictions. Please ensure you are mindful of these restrictions and adhere to them at all times as much as is possible to prevent a further spike in the infection rate. More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

#### Staffing

Great news! Mr. England will remain with us and will continue to teach Class 12 into the Spring term whilst Mrs. Woodrow continues to recover.



#### Christmas Cards

Children will unfortunately not be able to exchange Christmas cards as they usually would this year, as we are limiting the items brought into school as part of our Covid 19 risk assessment. We have explained this to children in assembly. We suggest a donation to charity instead of purchasing cards this year.

## Countdown to Christmas!

Christmas may be a little different this year but we still have plans to celebrate during the festive season.

**Wed 9th Dec**

**Children's Christmas lunch** for those who have a school lunch

**Fri 11th Dec**

**Non school uniform day and Movie afternoon** please donate £1 towards our school fund

**Wed 16th Dec**

**Class parties** children can bring individually packaged party food but we will provide the drinks.

**Last day of term for Nursery pupils**

**Thur 17th Dec**

**Children's last day of term. Early finish at 1pm.** Children can bring a toy to play with and wear festive colours or a Christmas jumper (no donation necessary).

**Fri 18th Dec**

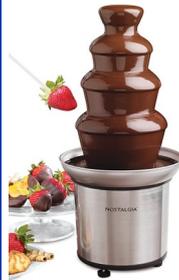
**INSET** for staff, school closed for children.



We also have some fun surprises planned for the children to bring some joy!

**HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EVERYONE!**

**See you on 4th January 2021!**

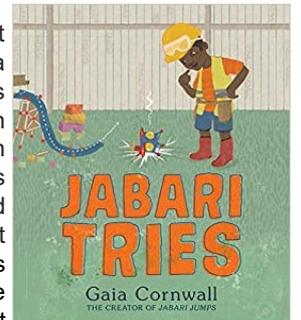
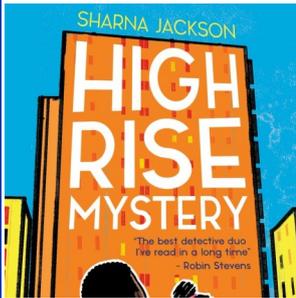


## Christmas Raffle

We will be having a Christmas Raffle again this year. The top prize is a chocolate fountain! You can purchase tickets by filling in an order form and sending money (the exact amount please, as no change can be given) in to school in an envelope. Letters will be coming home with further details. The prize draw will take place on Thursday 17th December, at 10.30am.

## Winter Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency is running a Winter Reading Challenge to get children excited about books. Children can earn themselves a certificate and all they have to do is read 3 books! The challenge starts on Tuesday 1st December and ends on Friday 15th January. The theme this year is 'Everyone is a Hero' and children are encouraged to read about heroes from books such as Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall and High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson. Visit [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk) to find out more about how to take part. Ofsted have found that children's reading stamina nationally has reduced since the start of the pandemic so this is a great way to build it back up again!



## Coronavirus Daily Declaration

As part of our ongoing Covid preventative measures we would like you to acknowledge and agree the following points before sending your child into school. We are calling this your **Daily Declaration**. The points of the **Daily Declaration** are: I am sending my child to school today because I can **confirm and reassure the school** that:

1. There is no one in the house with symptoms of Covid: dry continuous cough or with a high fever of temp over 37.8 degrees or loss of taste and smell
2. There is no one who has tested positive with Covid in the last 14 days in the household

If any of the statements above become untrue, your child should stay at home with you until their period of isolation is complete.

We will not be asking you to report the Daily Declaration verbally to us every day as this will cause congestion which we need to avoid. We trust that you follow the request above for everyone's safety.

## RHE Update

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our virtual meetings about the teaching of Relationships and Health Education at Maryland. The RHE policy has now been ratified and can be viewed on our website and the children will start learning using the Jigsaw curriculum in January.

## Fundraising Events

On the occasions when the school asks for donations e.g.. for non uniform day - what is the money used for? The funds are always used to improve the school experience for our children. The funds we are currently raising will go towards the installation of our new Maryland Values display that will feature in the main hall. It will be a vibrant feature piece to enhance the learning environment which will give our hall the added WOW factor. See where the proposed wall art will be installed (yellow sections).



## Workshops and Theatre Visits

The children may not be able to get out to go on educational visits as usual but we have tried our best to bring the fun to them. Year 3 recently had a workshop in school with The Museum of London, learning all about the Stone Age and various year groups have had visits from Freshwater Theatre Company to bring their topics to life. Next term Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in a series of samba drumming workshops too.

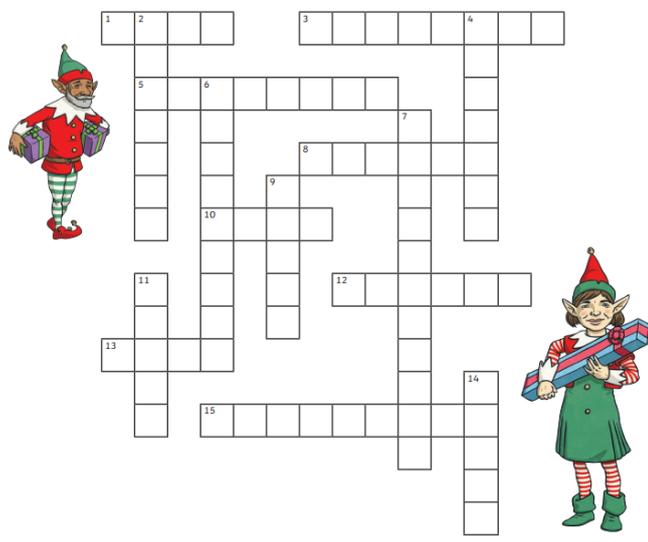
## Wright Education Academic After School Club - academic support and fun all in one club!

Wright Education Academic breakfast & after school club - academic support and fun all in one club! Booking by text, phone or on line. Time: 7:30 - 9.00am & 3:00 - 6:00pm Cost £14 per day, sibling discount available. Contact details: Website: [www.wrighteducationuk.com](http://www.wrighteducationuk.com). Tel: 078 5213 7462, Sandra Wright



## Puzzle Corner

### Christmas Elf Crossword



#### Across

1. Elves love listening to \_\_\_\_ music!
3. The elves wrap these in Santa's workshop.
5. The elves' busiest month of the year.
8. The elves help to pack which of Santa's vehicles.
10. An elf's favourite type of weather.
12. An adjective to describe an elf's hat.
13. Elves are good listeners because of the size of their big \_\_\_\_.
15. An adjective to describe an elf's size.

#### Down

2. The elves' favourite reindeer.
4. The elves have a \_\_\_\_\_ or nice list.
6. The elves' favourite religious festival.
7. An adjective to describe an elf's personality.
9. Santa's elves live in the \_\_\_\_\_ Pole.
11. Many male elves have which hairy facial feature?
14. Elves have these on the end of their toes.

## Diary 2020/2021

Children's Christmas lunch	Wed 9th Dec
Non school uniform day and movie afternoon fundraiser (£1 donation)	Fri 11th Dec
Class parties Last day of term for Nursery	Wed 16th Dec
Last day of term for children (1pm finish) Wear something festive and toy day	Thurs 17th Dec 8.55 - 1pm
INSET day (school closed to pupils)	Fri 18th Dec
First day of the new term for staff and children	Mon 4th Jan
Parents' Evening	Wed 27th Jan 3.30-7pm Thurs 28th Jan 3.30-5pm

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