

# Lakeside News

*'If you dream it, you can do it!'*

Dear families,

We got there! What a term it has been for so many of us. In these unusual times, we have all had to find new ways of adapting what we do to make sure that we continue to do the best things we can for the children. I give you as families a huge heartfelt thank you for working with us, supporting our decisions and staying so positive during this time.

These last few weeks have been very busy in the lead up to Christmas. The Early Years Nativity, based in the forest, has been sent out on Tapestry. You might have seen our wonderful Early Years staff team's Christmas video on our Facebook page. If you haven't seen it yet, do take a look as it is great!

All of the children took part in the Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run which was a lot of fun. The children were all given reindeer antlers and some of the staff could dress up as Father Christmas. The monies were taken off this morning by the charity to be counted. Once we have a final total, I will let you know.

Our Year 3 children have been singing with Mrs Beckett and will be shown on a pre-recorded video at the St Peter's Church Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Three of our Year 6s, Lucas, Cole and Elana are also doing a reading.

Father Christmas even made a special video recording for the children to watch in their classrooms which was absolutely wonderful!

Thank you to Mrs Hutt for organizing a snow globe competition and well done to everyone who participated in it. There were some very creative designs.

A huge thanks go to the FoLPS team, who despite the circumstance, have been thinking in a very creative way to help raise some funds for the school. The Virtual Fayre on Facebook has been a successful way of supporting local business and there is an opportunity to see some of our staff members reading a Christmas story each evening. We have also had the 'Sweets in a Jar' competition which was won this morning by Alfie (Year 6) and Hareem (Year 3) who both guessed 300. The actual total was 306. They had the choice this morning of whether they wanted to play again to guess the number to a more accurate degree or to split the sweets evenly between them. They chose the second choice!

Thank you on behalf of all the staff here at Lakeside for your generosity in giving gifts. Although they are not expected whatsoever, they are certainly very appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 4th January.

Miss Armstrong and the Lakeside Team



### E-Safety

Please be reminded that many of the apps and games which the children are using do have age restrictions on them. Apps and games like WhatsApp, with an age recommendation of 16, and Roblox, with an age recommendation of 13, are ones which seem to be liked amongst the children. Issues which are occurring online are then coming into school and teachers are having to spend time dealing with them. Please ensure that you are monitoring what your child is doing online to ensure that they are all staying safe.

### Important- Christmas Holidays Covid Track and Trace

Schools have been asked to carry out the contact tracing for any positive Covid cases from people within school up until Christmas Eve. If there were to be a case in school, it is important that parents are aware that, up to and including this date, we may need to inform you that your child has been in close or prolonged contact.

**If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result between the end of term and 24th December, you must inform the school.**

School will be closed for the Christmas holidays so we ask that you contact the school office via email which we will ensure is checked regularly. Please use: [info@lakeside.kite.academy](mailto:info@lakeside.kite.academy) to report a positive case.

We thank you in advance for helping us with this.

### Reception School places September 2021 - deadline 15 January 2021

If you have a child or know someone with a child of this age who is looking for a Reception school place, please remember that the national closing date for Reception applications for September 2021 entry is 15th January 2021. This is for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017.

Surrey County Council strongly encourage online applications via their website stated below, although if you struggle with this, you can request a paper copy:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions). The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

**If you have friends who are still undecided about their Reception choices, then do go ahead and recommend Lakeside. We would love to have new families joining us!**





# Christmas at Lakeside

