



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Christmas Catalogue 2020** – Our first ever ET Christmas Catalogue is nearly ready to launch! Some of the classes have already started making their Christmas gifts – a small selection of their work appears later in this newsletter. Full details on how to order will be circulated with the new Catalogue.

**Message from the Hollow Lane Club Trustees** – The Hollow Lane Club really need some new Trustees and we are very keen to have parents/carers involved. We also need to recruit a Treasurer as well as general Trustees. If you would be interested, please contact [chair@hollowlane.org.uk](mailto:chair@hollowlane.org.uk) Please also share this request amongst friends, family and colleagues. Thank you.

**Snacks** – Please remember to send your child into school with a healthy snack to eat during the morning break. We are beginning to see pupils arrive with cakes and sweet biscuits, but politely ask that you provide a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or breadsticks for example. Thank you.

**Special Occasions** – We appreciate birthdays are very special and for some of our pupils, this is their only opportunity to celebrate their day with friends. However, please do not send birthday cake or sweet confectionery treats into school with your child.

We have a number of pupils who are gastro-fed or have particular dietary requirements, so we mark the occasion of your child's birthday by playing a game in class, or by singing. Classes do make sure your child celebrates their birthday in a way for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for your understanding.

**Covid-19 Update** – If you have a test result you need to inform us about, please use this specific email address:

[covid19@learntolivefederation.co.uk](mailto:covid19@learntolivefederation.co.uk)

This email is monitored daily and School Administrators will inform your teacher and selected senior leaders of any updates. If your child needs to stay at home to self-isolate, please continue to leave a message on the School Absence Line but if you could also email the above email address, this would be great. Thank you.

**Bidwell Brook Consultation** – Devon County Council has now approved the increase in pupil capacity from 110 to 140 day places from September 2021.

**KS4 Request from Wayside Crescent** - Please can you help? Key Stage 4 would like your empty Pringles cans please, small or large sizes, including plastic lids. They are using them to make some lovely gift items for the Christmas Catalogue this year. Please send the cans into the school or college with your young person - thank you!

**Two Surveys** – We've been asked to circulate a couple of surveys to families:

1) The Royal College for Speech & Language is keen to hear how Covid 19 has impacted on people's access to Speech & Language Therapy. The link to the survey is <https://t.co/mp5TW4AoCx?amp=1>

2) Best Start in Life Parent Questionnaire – Please the attached poster or follow this link

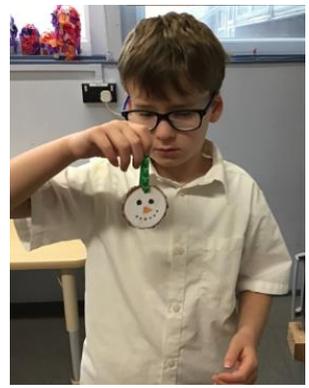
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BestStart/>



**19-25 = Survival Blanket Project** – After a call went out for donations of empty crisp packets, the Learn to Live Gang set their minds on creating and completing their first survival blanket. And here it is! This will be the first blanket of many as it is such an amazing idea, even more so at this time of year. Brilliant work!

**News from the School** = Here's a snippet of what's been happening recently:

**Silver Class** = We have been working on creating our lovely gifts for the Christmas Catalogue! We've made some wonderful snowmen Christmas decorations and fun tree bookmarks. We hope you like them.



**Lilac Class** = For November the 11<sup>th</sup>, Lilac class spent time learning about Remembrance Day and making our own poppies. We've also been discovering more about our environment and have decided to make some recycled Santa Flowerpots for the Christmas catalogue! We can't wait to share our gifts with you when the Catalogue comes out.

**Butterflies Class** = "How many butterflies can you fit on a broom?" Butterfly class has been zooming around on broomsticks this week as we've been reading and enjoying Julia Donaldson's *'Room on the Broom'*.

Next, we'll be working on our Christmas gifts! Ho ho ho!



**Cloud Class** = In Cloud class, pupils have been busy using their creative skills to make bags for the Christmas catalogue! We've been using scissors to cut snowflakes, our pincer grip to sprinkle glitter and snowflakes, and stamping 2D shapes to make prints. It's got us feeling very festive!

We hope you will love and buy our Christmas Bags with their unique designs.



KS4 = Key Stage 4 students have been having so much fun designing and creating their Christmas Gifts! You will be able to choose from our beautiful Christmas Tree Suncatcher Decorations, our 2021 Calendars with handprinted designs and bird feeders. Or why not buy a few sets of all 3?! It would be a shame not to ....



**Communication Hub** - One of the students particularly enjoyed his sensory hub session recently. We had the theme of Diwali, the Festival of Light (or in this case, sound!). We made and explored colourful and interesting lanterns, listened to great music and traditional bells, and had some incense to smell.



Kind regards,

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