



# Newsletter 11

26 November 2021

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather has certainly turned cooler this week and we have needed to wrap up to stay warm. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school everyday.

As you will have seen from my letter outlining our plans for Christmas, we are starting to make preparations in school such as Christmas songs being sung. Over the weekend we will receive a real Christmas tree, kindly donated to us by Jean Witt, our crossing patrol Officer. Although she is not currently working, she is keen to ensure the children have a real Christmas tree to enjoy. A huge thank you to Mrs Witt for her support and generosity.

As you are aware we have experienced a challenging week with high staff absence and I know that children have missed seeing their teachers, where they have been absent. At Merley we are a very strong team and take care of each other. We are all working together to ensure that the children continue to receive the excellent care and learning that you would expect. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

**Katharine Anstey**  
**Headteacher**



## Safeguarding and Online Safety



If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you are unable to contact a member of the school team and you wish to pass on serious concern, please call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01202 735046 We are an Operation Encompass school, to find out more please follow the link [here](#)



Please make sure you return reading books once they are read, we are missing quite a few, particularly Orange band. Thank you



Please ensure that your child is dropped off in the mornings and collected by an adult at the end of the day unless otherwise agreed with the school.

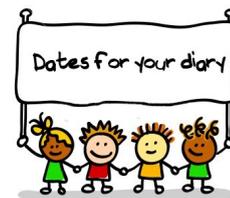


**BBC Children in need**

Thank you to everyone that made a donation to Children In Need we raised £549.00 for the charity.

### **Forthcoming Diary Dates**

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2021**



#### **December**

Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th December Christingle making, Christmas Lunch & Virtual pantomime

Thursday 16th December Christmas Party Day

Friday 17th December last day of term 1.15pm finish