# Radnage Church of England VA Primary School

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Newsletter I I

### Head Teacher's News

As the cold weather sets in, the pace doesn't drop in school! We have had a busy time this week planning for our Mustard Seed themed learning that will be taking place next week. Each class will be studying a range of 'Mustard Seeds', people who have grown from small beginnings to achieve great things and used their talents to support others. This is part of our work to establish and embed our school vision, which is rooted in the Parable of the Mustard Seed. We have decided that, in order to make it accessible and understandable for the children, we will use well-known examples to engage and inspire. As such, next week, the children will be researching and learning about a range of contemporary and significant personalities who embody our vision of 'Mustard Seeds'. I have seen the preparation the teachers have been putting in, and know that the children will experience some fantastic learning.

Sunday saw the annual Rugged Radnage and it was a fabulous event. I was blown away by what a large-scale operation it really is. This one day raises such a huge amount of money for the school, and we are so, so grateful to the team involved in organising, running and tidying up after a fantastic morning. The vast amounts of work put in by parents and community members was richly rewarded by an excellent turnout and a really competitive race. Events such as this really show what our community is capable of, so it was a real pleasure to see.

On Tuesday, we have a Maths Open Morning in school straight after Collective Worship at 9:30am. This will be a chance to look at some of the methods we use for teaching Maths and how you can support your children with them, try out some learning tools that could be used at home and also to ask any questions you may have. Tea and coffee will be available for those who would like to wait after drop off.

Also next week, on Friday, we have a MUFTI day in return for gifts or presents that could be sold at our school Secret Present Room on I I<sup>th</sup> December. We are looking for good quality, unused and unwanted gifts that could be sold on the day so please send them our way! Each class will have the chance to browse through the items on display and make purchases to surprise you on Christmas Day. The Christmas Elves (looking remarkably like members of staff) will be on hand to wrap up the gifts. So, this is your chance to 're-gift' those items that have been sitting around, unused in your house.

I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Sam Browne



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## Stars of the Week 22.11.19

Ellis for remaining focused to complete his bear and showing a keen interest in reading.

Layla for really concentrating and trying hard when learning our new Nativity songs.

Ireni for challenging herself and being an active participant in every lesson.

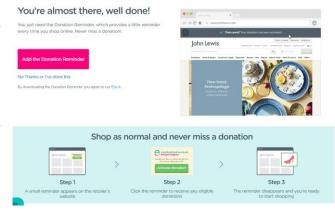
Olivia for working extremely hard and completing tasks to a high standard.

#### PTA

There is lots to update you on after this week's PTA meeting; thank you to all the parents who were able to make it. Dates have been added to the list at the end of this newsletter, so please ensure that you add them to your diaries!

If you are looking to blow away the January blues, there is no better event that the Family Burns Night Disco on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January. It promises to be a fun-filled evening of top tunes and great food. Make sure you are there!

We are registered with easyfundraising.org.uk and it is a great way of raising funds for the school through your normal shopping habits. All you need to do is go to <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk">www.easyfundraising.org.uk</a>, search for Radnage in the cause (it will say Radnage C Of E Infant) then click support this cause. It will then ask you to set up an account. Once you have done this, you can add the quick access button to your browser by clicking on 'Add the Donation Reminder' as per the picture on the right. Then, each time you shop online, click the easyfundraising symbol first and, if the retailer is registered, we will get a donation!



We have two big targets we are working towards now: the first is designing and installing a Reflection/Sensory garden for the school, which will provide a space for children to de-sensitise and take some quiet time out, and the second is installing external security lights to make the school a safer place at night. All funds raised will be going towards these crucial projects, so thank you in advance.

Our PTA Facebook page has all of the key information about upcoming events and how you can get involved. Follow this link: <a href="PTA Facebook">PTA Facebook</a>



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# **Diary Dates**

| Date                                | Occasion  | Location                   | Who?                      |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                     | Noveml  | per 2019                   |                           |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am      | Maths Open Morning  | School Hall and classrooms | All parents               |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>               | Bag2School due back in                                    | School Office              | Everyone                  |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>                | Mufti Day Gifts for Christmas Afternoon                   | School Hall and classrooms | Everyone                  |
|                                     | Deceml  | per 2019                   |                           |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 9:30am        | New Parent Tour   | Whole School               | Prospective Parents       |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am        | Nativity  | School Hall                | Reception and 1/2 Parents |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>                 | Raffle tickets for Christmas<br>Hamper Raffle due back in | School Office              | Everyone                  |
| Weds II <sup>th</sup>               | Christmas Afternoon (to include Christmas Hamper Raffle)  | School Hall and classrooms | Whole School              |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>                | Christmas Jumper Day                                      | Whole School               | Everyone                  |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – 12:05pm      | Reception and I/2 Christmas Lunch                         | School Hall                | Reception and 1/2         |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> – 12:05pm     | Year 3/4 and 5/6 Christmas<br>Lunch                       | School Hall                | Year 3/4 and 5/6          |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm      | Reception and Year 1/2 trip to<br>Norden Farm             | Offsite                    | Reception and 1/2         |
| Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> –<br>12:45pm | School Carol Concert                                      | School Hall                | Everyone                  |
| Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> – 1:30pm     | Break up for Christmas                                    | School                     | Everyone                  |
|                                     |   | y 2020                     | -                         |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>                 | INSET DAY   | School                     | Staff                     |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>                | Children start back                                       | School                     | Everyone                  |
| Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>               | PTA Meeting   | British Legion             | Everyone                  |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>                | Burns Night Family Disco                                  | Village Hall               | Everyone                  |
|                                     |   | ry 2020                    | -                         |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>                | Break up for Half Term                                    | School                     | Everyone                  |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>                | Children start back                                       | School                     | Everyone                  |
|                                     | Marcl   | n 2020                     |                           |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>                | PTA Quiz  | School Hall                | Everyone                  |
|                                     | April   | 2020                       |                           |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>               | PTA Easter Egg Hunt                                       | School                     | Children                  |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 1:30pm        | Break up for Easter                                       | School                     | Everyone                  |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>                | Children start back                                       | School                     | Everyone                  |



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