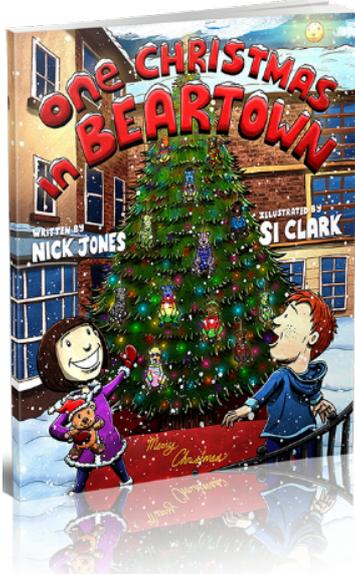


Marlfields Newsletter

3rd December 2021

ONE CHRISTMAS IN BEARTOWN



On Wednesday the children from our After-School Club walked with Mrs Isherwood and staff down to Bear Grills Café on the Fairground for the book launch of a book written by local author Nick Jones and illustrated by Si Clark.

The book "One Christmas in Beartown" is a sequel to his earlier book "One Night in Beartown" and his award winning book "Sarah's Shadow"

The children sat beautifully to listen to the author reading this magical story; here is an extract –

"Before they break up for Christmas, Sandy Lane and Tommy Pickles must team up on a school project. Tommy hasn't slept properly since the night the bear statues came to life, and Sandy needs to find a way to help him.

In an act of kindness, she lends Tommy her beloved teddy bear, Berisford. She hopes this will help him overcome his fear of bears, but nothing could prepare the two children for what happens on Christmas Eve..."

One reviewer gave the book ☆☆☆☆☆, and commented:

"One Christmas in Beartown is a wonderful story of how friendship can help us face our fears."



This morning we received an e-mail from the organisers, thanking us for going along to support the book launch and to congratulate us on having such wonderful, polite and well-behaved children, which is no surprise to us.

We love taking our children out, they are all amazing ambassadors for the school and a credit to their parents. We also had calls from parents thanking us for taking their children and saying how much the children enjoyed themselves. Each child was presented with a signed copy of the book, how lucky were they?

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

COVID symptoms generally appear within two to 14 days of exposure. Fever and cough are most common, but children might experience any of the following side effects.

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose or congestion
- Sore throat
- Gastrointestinal issues (like nausea, vomiting, or stomach ache)
- Diarrhoea
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Body aches
- Poor appetite

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in adults and children and can look like symptoms of other common illnesses such as colds, strep throat, or allergies. A recent review estimated 16% of children had asymptomatic COVID-19; but evidence suggests that as many as half of paediatric infections may also be asymptomatic.

If your child exhibits **ANY** of the above symptoms, we urge you to book them in for a PCR test, even if you have had a negative Lateral Flow Test.

LATERAL FLOW TESTING

Please remember to test your child over the weekend with a Lateral Flow Test to try to prevent any further Covid outbreaks. If you do get a positive result you **MUST** get a PCR test, and you must let us know. If there is a positive result your child should be off for 10 days and any siblings should also be kept off school for 5 days.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF SCHOOL, FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL EITHER BY E-MAIL (admin@marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk) OR BY PHONE (**01260 633120**) **ONLY**. PLEASE DO NOT MESSAGE THE CLASS TEACHER. ABSENCES NOT REPORTED TO THE OFFICE WILL BE CLASSED AS AN UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE.

If your child has school dinners it is up to you to cancel their lunch on the days they are off. Failure to do so will mean that you are charged for it.

WINTER WEATHER

Now that winter is well and truly with us, please ensure that your child has with them a warm, waterproof coat for outdoor play. Our Gritting plan is shown on the external gates, please keep to the shown gritted paths. The children should also wear sturdy sensible shoes to keep feet dry and to provide a decent grip on potentially icy pathways.

Should the worst happen over the next few weeks, and we have a heavy snowfall which may mean that staff cannot get into school for us to run efficiently, we may have to close school for the day. If this were to happen, **WE WILL TEXT PARENTS** in the first instance to let you know; we will also advertise it on local radio stations: **SIGNAL RADIO 96.4 FM / SILK RADIO 106.9FM / RADIO STOKE 94.6FM.**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

You should by now have received the proofs of your child's school photographs. Please send in your orders by **WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER** to ensure they are returned to you before the Christmas holidays.

FEELING CHRISTMASSY IN CLASS 4

Class 4 have been feeling very Christmassy this week!

December 1st started when Mrs Isherwood gave them a new Christmas pencil. Then during the afternoon they decorated their class Christmas tree, finished the class gingerbread house and started sewing their annual Christmas tree decorations.



FRIENDS OF MARLFIELDS RAFFLE

Time is nearly up to buy tickets for the Friends of Marlfields Raffle. You can buy them on SCOPAY. The closing date to make your purchase is 9th December; the draw will take place on the 10th. Good luck everyone, there are some fantastic prizes to be won, you've got to be in it to win it!

