



NEWSLETTER

Infants

Attendance

Well done to **Seahorse** in Nursery, **Dory** in Year 1 and **Angelfish** in Year 2 for winning best attendance in their year groups two weeks in a row. The winning classes in Reception were **Octopus** last week and **Sea Turtles** this week.

Shadow Puppets

In English Year 1 are really enjoying their new story called *Lily and the Snowman* which they are exploring visually through video. In the story Lily has made a fantastic Snowman friend and he makes her shadow puppets. The children learnt what a shadow puppet is and created their own which they used to make up stories. Can you tell what our puppets are from the photos?



Weather Observations

This week in Reception the children have been noticing how the cold weather impacts on our playground. They were amazed at what the frost could do to a spider's web. "Now it's frosty we can see it better." Other children enjoyed writing on the icy surfaces that appeared, "I can write my name" said one, "My finger is cold" added another.



As we go outside in all weathers and the weather is now getting colder, please can we remind you to send your children in with their coats, hats, scarves and gloves ensuring all items are named.



Lockdown Letters to Horace: Art Installation



Strawberry Hill House in Twickenham will be open to the public once again from **Sunday 6th December**. They are hosting a new exhibition of 250 letters written during the summer lockdown. A large number of these letters were written by our junior children who wrote to Horace Walpole as part of their home learning. For more information and to book please visit:



<https://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/letters>

Applications for Reception and Year 3



The closing date for applications for admission in September 2021 for both Reception and Year 3 (junior school) is **Friday 15th January 2021**. Parents of children in Nursery will need to apply for their child to join Reception and parents of our current Year 2 children must apply for Year 3. Please note that admission for our Nursery children to Reception and our Year 2 children to Year 3 is not automatic. The *Admissions to Richmond's Primary Schools* brochure available here https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/3082/primary_admission.pdf provides further information. Online applications are made via the eAdmissions website: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>. Also check our website for our Virtual Tour coming next week.

Self-Esteem Workshop

Gill Hines is running a live online workshop for parents on **Thursday 10th December** between **7.30-9.30pm**. Children with good self-esteem will often learn more quickly than others, are more likely to fulfil their potential and will be more inclined to work at new things than if their self-esteem is low. She will be looking at where self-esteem comes from, what increases or decreases it and how parents' behaviour can make all the difference. Places need to be booked in advance. Workshop links will be sent out 24 hours before the workshop takes place. Links cost £10 although there are some reduced cost places available. Please click on the following link for more information and to book: <https://gillhines.co.uk/parent-courses/>

Christmas Cards Deadline

Please remember that next **Friday 11th December** is the last day children can bring Christmas cards to school. This will allow us to quarantine the cards before they are handed out during the last week of term.



School Photographs



School photograph proofs have now been sent home. If you would like to order some photos, please return your order and payment in the sealed plastic wallet to the school office by **9.00am, Monday 7th December**. Alternatively, you can order online at www.cliffharrisphotography.com. Select the 'Order Online' tab and follow the instructions to view the products and place your order.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday **15th December** – Christmas Parties
Wednesday **16th December** – Christmas Lunch
Friday **18th December** – End of term
Monday **4th January** – Inset day
Tuesday **5th January** – Children return to school