

Newsletter 7

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Challenge, Equality & Opportunity

News, Information and Reminders

Reception Nativity

Thanks to the Reception staff team and children who have worked so hard to make their very special nativity film for their parents and carers. We hope that you have all enjoyed watching it at home and sharing some Christmas magic.



KS1 and KS2 Carols

It was wonderful to see you all for KS1 and KS2 carols. Despite the cold, the children all sang beautifully and really managed to create that special Christmas feeling. I hope that you all left feeling the warm glow of Christmas!



Parties

As I type this letter, music is blasting from the yard and its volume is matched by the laughter, singing and general excitement of the KS2 children who are playing a party game outside! It's fair to say that all parties this week have been thoroughly enjoyed, as always!



Outcomes from RSE Consultation

Thanks to those of you who took time to respond to our consultation earlier in the term. Comments were overwhelmingly positive with the maximum of 2 people who disagreed with any of the questions. All of the data, including your anonymised comments, have been shared with and discussed by governors and staff and we will consider them as we plan the curriculum in each year group. We will be continuing to use Jigsaw and cover the materials set out in the consultation documents. Thank you again.

Holiday Covid Cases and Return to School

We don't need information about test results in the holidays, you can update us with this information when we return on Tuesday 4th January. However, we do ask that if your child has a positive PCR test result this weekend to let us know via ParentMail (unless your child has been absent from school on Thursday and Friday). We can then inform classes and staff if we think they are close contacts.

We won't be checking ParentMail or the admin email after Monday 20th December.

Autumn Term 2021!

I feel that I can't keep saying 'this has been a term like no other', but it continues to be true! Yet again, we find ourselves unable to plan ahead and wondering when 'normality' will be restored. There are so many unknowns and so much confusion, but some things, our children, remain the same! It is the children, their enthusiasm for learning, their progress, their endless positivity and their ability to find humour and fun in everything we do which has kept us going this term. We are so proud of them all!

I must also thank staff who have stepped into different roles and worked longer hours to cover for each other as well being endlessly positive about the number of visits they have all made to the test centre. Nothing has affected the quality of care and education which they have provided for the children and the support they have shown for each other. I think it's fair to say that they have all earned this holiday!

Enormous thanks also to you, our parents and carers. We are so grateful for your cooperation and support which I am sure has played a large part in reducing the number of positive cases in school and in families. THANK YOU!

I sincerely hope that everyone has a well-deserved, restful and safe holiday with your families and friends. We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 4th January**.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Best wishes

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