

# <u>Newsletter</u>

Dear parent/carers

As we rapidly approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and praise all of our children.

Thanks to the hard work and compliance of all our staff, pupils and parent/carers we have so far not had to close any of our bubbles due to a positive case of COVID. Fingers crossed that this continues.

The children across the school have been amazing. After returning to school following a six months absence from normal schooling they quickly settled back into routines and showed us they were keen to get back to learning.

Across the school the children never fail to amaze me, as they rise to the daily challenges they are set.

You should all be immensely proud of them, I certainly am.

## Christmas Jumper Day

A little reminder that Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

It is normal uniform, with the exception of the jumper your child/children will be wearing.

As this is a charity event, we ask for a donation towards this please.

## Christmas Lunch

Our in-school Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is having a school dinner on that day, payment will be taken as usual via your Squid account. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2, or you qualify for Free School Meals, there will be no charge.

## Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December is party day across the school. Children can come in non-uniform. All that we ask is that the clothing and footwear is suitable for school. If you haven't already done so, a donation of  $\pounds$ 1.50 can be given to your child's class teacher.

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#### China project

As part of widening our children's experiences we are teaming up with a school in China. As part of this partnership, our children will have the opportunity to share experiences both in and out of school.

Later this week our key stage two children will be participating in some Mandarin speaking sessions led by a teacher in China. This will of course all be done remotely, thanks to technology.

#### **Staffing Changes**

Mr Brightman, one of our year five teachers, will be leaving us at the end of this term, as he has secured promotion at another school. We wish him the best of luck as he embarks on his new challenge.

Mr Brightman's current class will be taught by Mrs Henderson and Mr Chatterton.

#### Christmas Break and INSET Day

A little reminder that school closes for the Christmas break on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

The Spring term, for the children, begins on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January as it is an INSET day on the 6<sup>th</sup> January.

And finally remember:



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask them.

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