



With the Christmas season fast approaching, things are certainly going to be very busy in school in the coming weeks. Although this year is inevitably going to be different to our usual festivities both in school and at home, we want the children to have as many enjoyable and memorable moments as possible.

### **Website**

I hope you have all had the opportunity to view our website. Now we have 'mastered' the technical aspects, you will see that we are regularly updating class pages with photos of your children's learning and of course you can also view our now famous sign language videos on Kestrels and Hawks pages.

### **Christmas Performances**

Whilst we are unable to host our usual nativity we will still be sharing virtual performances with parents. Each class will prepare a short performance of their choice- this may be a song, story-telling, poetry etc. These will be filmed and available to view on our website before the end of term. We will email parents as these are uploaded so watch this space...

### **Christmas Cards**

Please could we ask that cards are not brought into school. I understand that this is disappointing however we do not have the capacity to quarantine and then deliver these.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Next week we will be sending home the Christmas dinner menu and order form so Lunchtime Co can order the food in plenty of time. Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Home Learning projects**

Within topic newsletters home learning projects may have been set by class teachers. Please can photographs be taken of these and emailed to school rather than projects come into school. Additionally, whilst we love to see the wonderful things you have been doing at home I would encourage you not to send items from home into school.

### **Children in Need**

Thank you all for your generous donations. This year we raised £79.75 for Children in Need.

### **Welcome Back**

I am delighted to let you know that our Assistant Headteacher, Naomi Fitzpatrick, will be returning to school in the new year. Both Miss Brown and Miss Fitzpatrick will be teaching Hawks as a job share (Miss Brown- Mon and Tues and Miss Fitzpatrick Wed- Fri). This will allow Miss Fitzpatrick to dedicate more time to her senior leadership role and will enable both class teachers the opportunity to work with small groups to provide 'catch up' tuition and support.

### **Current guidance and procedures**

Thank you all for your ongoing support and compliance with procedures which we have in place in school. Please also continue to follow current guidance in relation to self-isolation should you, family members or any close contacts display symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.

If any child displays any of the following symptoms, even if only mild, please do not send them to school and follow current NHS and government guidance:

- A high temperature
- A new and persistent cough
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please refer to our website to view any related policies and updates, including our remote learning policy which would become active should we have either a full or partial closure.

## **Diary Dates**

### **December**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>- Robins Equine Facilitated Learning

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Jumper for Joy- Save the Children- Wear a Christmas Jumper-£1 donation for Save the Children

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party Day- Non- uniform

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>- End of term

### **January 2021**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>- TRAINING DAY

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>- Spring Term A begins

### **February 2021**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>- End of Spring Term A

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Spring Term B begins

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