

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week in school. With the Christmas spirit in full swing!

Thank you to Mrs Glanfield, The Gilchrists and our governor, Mr Pearcey for helping to clear the leaves on Saturday. It was a big help and hopefully has made the playground more user friendly.

Then on Saturday evening we took part in the town Lantern parade. The children have reported how much they enjoyed it and using the lanterns they made.

Thank you to Mr Dewing who came in and did some fantastic art work with the children in year 4. The children learnt about naturalist and explorer Alexander Von Humbolt and then created relief art work linked to the parrots he worked with. The children were fascinated and learnt some great art skills.

The children in year 1 had a super geography field trip to the park this week. They were looking for human and physical features in the local environment. They then finished with an elf trail and a Christmas story under the tree!

It was also the KS2 Advent Service this week in Church. The children were brilliant and the performance in the middle was amazing.

Today we have had the Baminelli Mass in school conducted by Father Philip. The children really enjoyed having the babies blessed and taking part in Mass in school. Many thanks to Father Philip for leading it for us.

#### **Farewell and welcome**

Sadly, today we say goodbye to Mrs Coleman in yr. 4. Mrs Coleman has only been with us since April but she has been a great asset to the school and will be greatly missed. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her the very best.

We are really looking forward to Mrs Spinks returning on Monday and we are pleased to announce that Mrs Owens will be returning to us to work in yr. 4 every Thursday. It will be lovely to have them both back.

#### **Parking**

Please can you make sure that if you have to bring a car to school to drop off or collect your children that you park considerately and have due regard for our neighbours. I know that every school has this problem but it is not fair on our neighbours for them to have their driveways blocked or their grass parked on. I have asked the police to do some walk rounds. I have previously also spoken to the highways agency but they cannot paint anymore yellow lines for us.

#### **Public health nursing team**

The nursing team are keen to ensure parents know about the support that is available to them with non-urgent healthcare advice.

For support with children under 5 years please visit: <https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/devon>

For support with children 5 – 12 years please visit: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon/>

For support with teenage children please visit: <https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/devon/>

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

#### **Diary dates:**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December – First aid workshops for all children FSU – Yr 6. Email has been sent out. **Please complete the ParentPay form by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch – **Bookings now closed**

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Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Carols in the playground 2.30pm everyone welcome

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Non-pupil day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany Mass in Church 11am. Everyone welcome.

**Headteacher Awards:** Rowan Class – Samuel, Aidan, Cherry Class – Connor, Emily, Isla

**Bronze Awards:** Oak Class – Bea, Halle, Sienna, Murphy, Mya, Yasmin, Joseph, Archie, Rowan Class – Bella, Finley, Sycamore Class – Noah, William, Maple Class – Isla, Kelly, Oliver, Beech Class – Daisy

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Mya, Rowan Class – Imogen, Sycamore Class – Brandon, Cherry Class - Gene, Maple Class – Melissa, Beech Class – Daisy & Owen