

# Headlines

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Dear Parents

Thank you all for your support over our decision to close last Friday and Monday. Since then 2 additional members of staff have tested positive but because they were not in school during their 'infectious' period we have managed to keep as many classes open as we can. At the moment all the children who have tested positive have bounced back fairly rapidly. Some staff members have struggled more, but hopefully they will all make a full recovery in the next week or so.

On Monday Year 5 should be joining us back at school and Year 3 are due back on Thursday. If your child does not attend school on a day they should be in please ensure that you contact the school office. You can send an email, leave a message on the answerphone or speak to me or Mrs Reardon. We understand that some of you are making difficult decisions because of Christmas arrangements.

There has been a lot of talk in the press about schools being given permission to have an INSET (training) day for teachers on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and close to children. To be frank I feel:

- teachers need a training day like a hole in the head at the end of this very busy term,
- some parents will find it stressful to find child care at short notice,
- the benefits of having 4 and a half hours off will not support isolation or decision making regarding who to spend Christmas with.

**Therefore, we will be open on the 18<sup>th</sup> until 1.30pm as planned.**

Have a good weekend and stay safe. Mrs T L Good

## It is Christmas Dinner on Thursday!

We are all looking forward to our delicious Christmas dinner next Thursday. Children will eat their dinner or packed lunch sitting with the children in their year group. They will either be in the hall, the library or the PPA room. There will be music and crackers. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper to create that festive feel!

## PTFA

Many thanks to the PTFA for hosting the shopping event this week. The presents have been quarantined and will be given out today. Year 5 will have an opportunity to pick their presents next week and Year 3 have had presents picked. If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact the PTFA.

We have lots of (safe) Christmas fun lined up next week – in their classes the children will be icing biscuits, making decorations, watching a streamed panto with cinema snacks and lots of other exciting things.

## Holiday Support

There will be help available over Christmas for families who are experiencing financial difficulties and rely on school meals. I will be sending details out to those parents next week. If you are struggling don't hesitate to contact us and we may be able to direct you to some sources of support.

## ERPSSA VIRTUAL CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

As you know, the children took part in the ERPSSA virtual cross –country a couple of weeks ago. We have just received the results back from the organiser.

Overall there were 1561 runners taking part across 8 different categories! The children ran 1500m in Years 3 and 4 and 2000m in Years 5 and 6. All children who took part will receive a certificate with either their time or distance achieved indicated. I have now included the finishing position for our top runner in each category alongside the number of runners.

Year 3 Girls– Aimee 19/162

Year 3 Boys- Kieron 63/198

Year 4 Girls- Freja 11/205

Year 4 Boys- Arthur 6/236

Year 5 Girls- Maya 55/199

Year 5 Boys- Leo 20/249

Year 6 Girls- Lauren 71/147

Year 6 Boys- Harvey 4/165

Well done to everyone who took part- we hope to take part in a similar event in 2021!