



Dear Parents and Carers,

There are now just three more school weeks left until Christmas. I have heard and seen the Lower School and Early Years plays this week and they are developing well. Their singing has been lovely to hear – it's been a long time since there has been so much singing in school.

I need to say a big well done to Year 3 and 5 who are really making great progress in their swimming lessons. As I've said previously, if you can take your child swimming outside of school, it is definitely worthwhile – swimming lessons are even better. Dudley's new swimming baths will be opening in the spring term. This should be worth a look, Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge has also been newly renovated and re-opened recently.

Year 6 are going to the Black Country Museum on Wednesday so that should be a great day. I'll be accompanying them, so Mrs Frost will be hosting the first Lower School production on Wednesday afternoon. I will remind everyone of the social distancing arrangements for these events early next week.



Friday 10th December is National Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils may wear their wonderful Christmas jumpers on this day if they wish. Pupils do not need to wear their school uniform on this day. Please send them in with a £1.00 donation for the NCJD Charity. **Tuesday 15th December** is the children's Christmas lunch. This is served by the leadership team! Contrary to a widespread myth – I do not steal pigs in blankets or roast potatoes whilst serving...well...not many!

Regarding Covid we currently have 3 active Covid cases amongst the pupils. So we are in a pretty good position at the moment. Hopefully it will stay that way!

The children across years 1-6 will be doing their end of term assessments over the next two weeks. We will report back to you on how well they have done and what you may be able to do to support at home.

Have a great weekend

Mr Rawlings



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2021

- 01.12.21** KS1 Christmas Production @ 2pm
- 01.12.21 Year 6 Black Country Museum Trip
- 02.12.21** KS1 Christmas Production @ 2pm
- 02.12.21 Years 3 & 5 swimming
- 03.12.21** KS1 Christmas Production @ 2pm
- 09.12.21 Years 3 & 5 swimming
- 09.12.21** EYFS 'The Netherbrook Nativity'
9.30am RH & NAM
2pm RP, NPM & 30hrs
- 10.12.21 Christmas Jumper Day
- 15.12.21 Christmas Lunch
- 16.12.21 Years 3 & 5 swimming
- 17.12.21 Break up Christmas



20.12.21-03.01.22 Christmas Holidays



January 2022

- 04.01.21** Inset Day – Closed to pupils
- 05.01.21 School reopens to pupils

KS1 School Production 'The Little Fir Tree'

The productions start next week with the Lower School plays on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tickets are available and the deadline for Lower School parents to book your two guaranteed tickets is 3.30pm on Monday. If you would like extra tickets for family members, these will be released on Tuesday.



EYFS 'The Netherbrook Nativity'

Early Years production tickets go on sale on Monday and their play is the following week on Thursday 9th December.

Christmas Decorations

Next week, we will be decorating the school ready for Christmas. So it's all becoming very festive. As always our Christmas tree has been purchased from Elmcroft Christmas Trees, Fieldhouse Lane, Romsley, so thanks a lot to them. If you're buying your real tree this year, it's definitely worth going there for a look.

Well done to our Students of the Week

Tyrun G, Arthur B, Jake G, Jude B, Caoilainn H, Emily R, Poppy T, Kye W, Blake C, Freya P, Rio I & Chloe H.

