

NEWSLETTER 14 - 11th December 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

No Changes to Term Dates – You may have read stories in the media about some schools changing the last day of term. Our school will remain **OPEN** as normal on **Friday 18th December**. This has been a challenging year for everyone and changing the end of term arrangements at this late stage is not in the best interests of our whole school community.

Parent Survey on Covid-19 Response – Thank you to everyone who completed the survey regarding the school's Covid-19 response. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with 100% of responses saying that parents feel that our systems are keeping their child safe in school. Crowding around the school gates was raised as a concern by a number of parents and so we request that parents do not remain outside the gates to enable safe access for all of our families.

Gingerbread - Children in Years 5 and 6 have been researching the traditions of Gingerbread this week and as part of their D & T topic, pupils have designed their own Christmas themed ginger bread shapes. They then made the gingerbread, investigating chemical reactions as the ingredients were mixed before decorating them carefully. The activity filled the school corridors with a festive aroma!

Flute Performance – Miss Drissell's class enjoyed a group performance of Jingle Bells from Miss Baxendale's flute pupils on Thursday. The performance had been recorded during this week's woodwind lessons.

Covid-19 Awareness –

- As we are in tier 3 we would like to remind parents that children should not be mixing in each other's homes. They should only be collected from school by another adult outside their own family except in exceptional circumstances.
- Please do not allow children to run about on the school grounds. Keep them with you when picking up and dropping off.
- **Latest Government advice** can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

School Applications - Applications for school places for Reception next year should be made online <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> by 15th Jan 2021.

Book of the Week – Children in Mrs Walsh's class have been enjoying the Secret Seven stories by Enid Blyton and this week they have read 'Humbug Adventure'. When the gang go star-gazing, they soon get bored and spy on the town - and see someone setting a haystack on fire. Will the Seven act fast enough to save the barn?

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