



Wednesday December 16th 2020

Dear Parents,

END OF TERM

I find it hard to believe that we are only a few days away from the end of another year – it seems to have flown by and Christmas is yet again, just around the corner. It has been an unprecedented year but we have worked extremely hard to maintain some kind of normality whilst keeping everyone safe. We have not allowed the restrictions to stifle our passion for teaching, it has just meant thinking outside the box and working as a team to make things happen in a different way. Our staff have been amazing, going the extra mile to provide a happy environment despite the turmoil going on around us. There have been many memorable activities, namely our youngest pupils taking part in their Christmas Nativity story. This opportunity encourages and celebrates their growing confidence and talents as they explore the real meaning of Christmas. The Nativity was filmed for Oak parents and shared with the whole school. The younger children are a real credit to you and we are really proud of them.

Chestnut class have recorded a Christmas song for Brackley Community Radio on Sunday December 20th. Thanks go to Mrs Connor, Mrs Dean, Mrs Crook and Mr Sharman for giving up their Sunday to make this happen.

We look forward to singing carols together on Thursday (tomorrow) at 10:00am via Teams. This will be a new but exciting way to meet together without mixing our bubbles. Sadly, our traditional rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas sung at our annual Carol Service cannot happen this year, however the children are in for a treat as staff have recorded their own version using props made by our resident artist, Mrs Hankins. The props on display in the school hall will be shared on the school website.

STAFFING

Miss Pepler is enjoying life with her darling daughter Violet. They are enjoying fresh air, walking with their dog and having lots of cuddles. Violet is particularly fascinated by the Christmas lights! We are hoping to see mum and baby in school in the New Year.

We say goodbye to Mr Whitehead as he moves on. We wish him well in his future endeavours. I am delighted to inform you that plans are being finalised for the new class teacher to start in January. Details will follow via email for parents of children in Conkers.

SANTA RUN

We made it! The children and staff exceeded our target of 3166km from Croughton to Lapland by 20km and we had fun in the process. Monies raised will be used for our next outdoor project. We will also make a contribution to the NSPCC. We plan to remove the old amphitheatre and create more space on the bottom playground and create an outdoor learning area where the chickens were housed. Many children have submitted ideas to be incorporated into the plans. Sponsor money can come into school as soon as it has been collected. Thank you for your support bringing scooters to school and for your sponsorship.

HOUSE POINTS

HOUSES	This week	Total
EARTH	81	1285
FIRE	84	1284
WATER	96	1373
AIR	82	1375

Congratulations to Air House. You can wear non- uniform to school on Friday January 8th.

***TERM 2 VALUES – Respect and Hope
‘Treat others as you want to be treated’. MATTHEW 7:12***

AWARDS THIS WEEK

	Christian Values	Achievement
OAK	<i>Emmett</i>	<i>Megan</i>
CONKERS	<i>Leo D</i>	<i>Abel</i>
CHESTNUT	<i>Daisy</i>	<i>Alfie</i>
SYCAMORE	<i>Louis</i>	<i>Zoe</i>
MAPLE	<i>Annabel</i>	<i>Esme</i>

SWIMMING

A letter was sent out on September 4th regarding swimming after Christmas. Maple class will start lessons on Wednesday January 6th. We will keep you informed if the pool closes and this cannot happen.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17th 2020 - LAST DAY OF TERM

Children may wear non-uniform tomorrow. All PE kits will come home. Please ensure kit returns on the first day back to school so we can return to our full PE teaching programme. All children also need a named art shirt to cover up for messy lessons involving paint.

School will close at 2:15 for children in Oak, Conkers and Chestnut followed by 2:30 for Sycamore and Maple class. If you have siblings in both bubbles, you can collect soon after 2:15. The school gates will be open for you to collect your child following our social distance protocols in place each day. However, if you are unable to start the Christmas break early, children can be collected at 3:15pm. After School Club is also available until 5:40pm.

As this term ends, we begin to look forward to the New Year, ready to embrace whatever challenges this may hold. We will continue with our creative projects starting with a whole school winter art display in the school hall. This will replace our Harvest Hedgerow display which can be seen on our virtual tour of the school found on the school website. It is worth a look. The children’s art work is beautiful. In readiness, we ask that every child draws a picture of their house during the Christmas break. This will be used as part of the hall display. Please continue to read with your child and practise their arithmetic skills. Also find time to do something which makes your tummy hurt with laughter!

School re-opens on Tuesday January 5th 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and patience during these challenging times and wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year.

From Helen Goulder and all the staff at Croughton All Saints CE Primary School