



Head's Update Michaelmas 2, Week 5, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Snow was falling as I left for school this morning so it definitely feels like winter has arrived. Please remain safe, not just from COVID, but from the elements. We have a busy week ahead of us and this time of year is always exciting, for the children and the adults.

Nursery

The chill of winter has helped us think about the change of seasons. Our winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves and wellies have seen much more use this week; please make sure your child has all of these named items in nursery as we explore nature's changes. There is also a very festive feel around all our activities! Be prepared for a bag full of work and Christmas decorations to come home at the end of next week. Singing has been another favourite activity, with lots of gusto and using musical instruments to accompany our efforts. We'll be taking the nursery children to the Christmas tree next week to sing together with Mrs Palmer, who is also very excited.

End of term arrangements

Everyone will finish on Wednesday 16th December at midday. We'll be singing Christmas carols on the school field until 12:30pm if you'd like to join us for a mince pie, a hot drink and socially-distanced singing. I know this isn't our usual end of term but this is a year for new traditions; I hope you'll all join us.

Church on Tuesday

Reception to Year 6 will be going to St Peter and St Paul's Church on Tuesday for a 'behind closed doors', socially-distanced Christmas service led by Governor Reverend Canon Lesley. Please make sure all children are in full school uniform for the event. Children in Years 1 and 2 will be able to change for their afternoon games session when we return to school.

Clubs

This term's clubs are sadly now finished but we're already preparing for 2021. Some clubs are still unable to run due to COVID restrictions such as cookery and Tae-kwon-do. After the welcome news of a vaccine, I remain optimistic that these may run from Easter. I hope you agree that we're still offering a wide and exciting variety of clubs to give all children an opportunity to try something new. Extra-curricular life is an important part of St Peter's life. Please complete the ParentMail form by Tuesday 8th December if you'd like your child to be signed up for a club in January. Some clubs are capped on numbers and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.



Christmas Hampers

The Christmas hampers look amazing and each one is filled with Christmas goodies kindly donated by you. Raffle tickets are available for £1 via your ParentMail account if you'd like to support the PTA and be in with a chance of winning. Simply click on 'payments' on the left and go to 'shop' at the bottom after logging in. Father Christmas will hopefully draw the raffle live on YouTube next Friday, on Christmas Jumper Day.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher