



Headteacher Update

8.11.21

Dear Parents,

When you come into school this week for Parents Evening, take a moment to look at our new library. During the holidays, Miss Taylor and her friend Bernie Kilty undertook quite a project to move and create a beautiful library space for our children. With funding from FORS, they were able to decorate the library and improve our library facilities greatly so that our children now have a comfortable space to choose books and read in. I can't thank them enough.

Attendance and Covid 19

Last week, we uploaded a new risk assessment for Covid-19 onto the Federation website. As we continue to negotiate our way through this difficult time, we ask that anyone coming into school wears a mask please.

Many of the measures we are taking haven't changed: hand hygiene, good ventilation, regular cleaning of touch points and a 'catch it, bin it' approach have been refreshed with both staff and children to ensure that we are as safe as possible. We will also continue to send out 'warn and inform' letters should we get any cases in the school so that you are aware.

The best way you can support us, is to ensure that if your child has any symptoms of Covid, you keep them at home and get a PCR test done. We know that your support with this before the holidays helped to keep our incidences of Covid low and appreciate your ongoing vigilance.

Attendance at school is of course a priority for our children as every missed day is missed learning. You will receive your child's attendance for last term during your parents evening appointment. 96% and above is considered good attendance. We know that illness can't be helped and Covid sees children out of school for ten days but in other circumstances please do consider carefully if your child really needs to stay at home. The school office is knowledgeable about Covid procedures and childhood illnesses and will be happy to advise you if you are unsure as whether to send your child into school or not. Please do not hesitate to contact them.

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Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Marfell, our new class teacher in Robin class. She has already met many of you at the beginning and end of the day and I know the children are settling well with her after much change.

Christmas Plans

I am very sorry that at present the advice is to not hold large events for families and as such, we are considering our approach to Christmas 2021 carefully so that we can share as much as possible with you. At present our plans are:

The whole school will take part in our annual Christingle event and an Advent experience day at the church.

We will also be learning carols as classes and in our worship time together so that we can record them for you and send home some of our Christmas cheer. Again, look out for these towards the end of term.

For the children, FORS have supported us to book a wonderful theatre group who are coming to do drama workshops with each class based on the poem The Night Before Christmas. These will take place on 8th December and we're very excited about it!

The PTA at St Briavels have also arranged access to an online pantomime for all of the children in the federation again. They will watch this towards the end of term with their class. We know that this was very popular last year and the children had lots of fun in their classes.

Again this year, Christmas isn't going to be exactly the same as it was pre-pandemic but we hope there is something for everyone to enjoy as the festive season comes upon us.

Events

We have a few events coming up at school that you may want to put in your diary:

Parent Consultation Evenings: Tuesday 9th November and Thursday 11th November

If you do not feel comfortable coming into school for a meeting, please let the office know and we will arrange a telephone call or Zoom meeting with you instead.

Children in Need: Friday 19th November

Children are welcome to wear spots or non-school uniform to school on this day for a small donation. All donations will be given to Children in Need.

Kindest regards

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