

Headteacher's Blog



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you for the 14 parent questionnaires responses returned. It was amazing to read the wonderful comments, hear about what you love about our school and also then fantastic suggestions to make our school even better. 13 of the 14 responses had an overwhelming strongly agree or agree response to the 25 questions asked. If we had any feedback that was critically constructive we will work to respond to those comments from now and throughout Spring Term.

An overwhelming suggestion although they were very pleased with how we communicate with parents perhaps we send out a few too many emails and if we could combine these into a longer weekly Blog it would be helpful so this week I am having a go! Please remember copies of letters are saved on the school website and all of our important dates are on the website calendar.

One comment was that the children cannot learn if they are cold. While we continue to ensure our children remain safe from COVID 19 we also balance this with how many windows are open providing ventilation. All classes have CO2 monitors and thermometers so we can form a delicate balance! As I have mentioned in my previous emails during the pandemic children can wear their school hoodies, layers and PE jogging bottoms if they wish so that they are as warm as they can be.

The children have been practising their Christingle Service in Class 2 and 3, Nativity in EY and Christmas Play in Class 1. As these performances will not be open to the public we will be filming them but please remember if you have ticked the box for no video we will try our best to ensure if they are speaking we will organise where they sit so that you can hear them but we will not be filming them.

Just a reminder - we will continue to be asking families who drop and pick up their children to continue to wear face coverings. We are also looking into ways of the children who are picked up or walk home to stay in school during wet weather until the buses drive away so they don't get unduly cold so please bear with us while we try this out from January 2022.

Best Wishes,
Belinda Athey -Headteacher.



Happy Christmas and a Safe New Year.

This will be the last Blog of the School Year. Best wishes to you all!



Advice for parents and carers

Lots of us will continue to rely on technology over the winter break, for entertainment and keeping in touch with friends and family.

You can share the following articles to help parents and carers keep their children safer online:

A parent's guide to privacy settings

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/a-parents-guide-to-privacy-settings/>

Gaming: what parents and carers need to know

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

What is the Internet of Things (IoT)?

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot/>

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Thank you for the great support we had from families enabling the children to dress in rainbow colours and show their support for equality and diversity. Here are just some of the photos from the day. More will be on our class pages and whole school photo gallery very soon.



More feedback from our questionnaire
Thank you very much for your overwhelming appreciation of our provision over and above the National Curriculum and Early Years Framework Requirements. Particularly with reference to PE, Daily Mile, how we support our pupils mental health and well being and Forest Schools. We have been so pleased to embed these initiatives over the last 3 years but we won't be stopping there. Please find just some of the initiatives and awards we are currently working towards at the top of the page



Final Reminders -

Christmas lunches in bubble groups next week. Children wear clothes of their own choice on this day. Party day on Friday, please wear your favourite party clothes. We break up on Friday 17th December at 3.15 and return on Wednesday 5th January as we have a training day on Tuesday 4th and all schools are closed on Monday 3rd January.

