



Christmas Break – We want to wish everyone a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. This has certainly been an unusual year for us all with a national school closure, partial opening and then full re-opening this September. I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continued support, hard-work and dedication they always show for the children and families of our community.

Christmas Parties – These will be happening on Friday 18th December during the afternoon. All children are to bring only food for themselves as there can be no sharing of food at all. Children do not need to wear uniform that day; they can come in party clothes, Christmas jumpers or any casual wear.



Christmas Outcomes – We are working hard to find ways of still producing Christmas outcomes for you to enjoy. We are not able to invite in you to see performances nor can we do performances in the usual way. We are hoping to get more information out to you soon.



Headteacher Tea Party – We will be contacting parents directly if your child has been nominated to receive a selection of cakes from Mrs. Green. You will need to come to the school office to pick up your goodie box for your child. All items in the goodie box will be individually wrapped.

Attendance –

Our average attendance this term is 94.6%. This is well below the national expectation of 96%.

Our persistent absence figure is currently 15.7% which is extremely high and almost double the national average. Children who do not attend school regularly are in danger of falling behind their peers and not attaining well in the future. There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Poor attendance can disrupt a pupils own learning and that of other pupils. It has a damaging effect on a child's education and most of the work missed while a child is off school is never made up. Pupils who attend school regularly are likely to leave school with more qualifications and increased access to employment opportunities than children with persistent absence. Children with persistent absence are at increased risk of involvement in crime, child exploitation and anti-social behaviour.

Please ensure your child is in school EVERY DAY – if you are unsure about whether or not they are well enough to be in school, bring them to school and we will call you if there is a problem!

Remote Learning- Thank you to all FS2 parents who have contributed their views to the survey about the remote learning during the recent year group closure. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as it helps us to know what works well and what we can do to improve, not just in FS2 but across the school. There are several ideas that we will be implementing e.g. a short introduction to the home learning to explain how to use it, expectations of what should be covered each day and giving some prior warning of resources that might be needed

later in the week. We are also thrilled to hear what worked well – 100% of those that responded found the activities on the school website and made use of them. This is what you said: -

“The videos with the teachers were great and very well presented...they were by far the most favourite activities to do!”

“I liked how passionate all the teachers were in the recordings.”

“We loved the videos the teachers made, especially the silly ones! Thank you for making us smile:)”

The survey is still open for any FS2 parents who would still like to contribute.

Curriculum News

Over the last two weeks, the children have started their final projects of 2020 and have been working hard to get their outcomes ready by the deadline! All across the school, different year groups are busy rehearsing and filming their Christmas Outcomes so that we can share them with you. The FS2 children have been brilliant at getting changed in and out of their costumes independently to film their parts for their video. Year 1 and year 2 are performing confidently and have certainly done a lot of hard work to learn their words in the last two weeks - they are looking forward to sharing their work with you. Across Key Stage 2 the children have also been working hard. Year 3 have experienced the Long Wait and enjoyed writing about the anticipation of the festive season. Year 4 have been thinking about the true meaning of Christmas, whilst in Year 5 the children have been writing stories about travelling home for Christmas. In Year 6 we have been finding out about the Christmas truce during the First World War and thinking about whether or not the stories told about the event are completely accurate. We have really been enjoying our Christmas related projects. We hope that all our families have a restful, peaceful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to sharing more learning with you in 2021!

End of Term – The last day of term is Friday 18th December – we will be finishing at the usual time of 3.15pm.

Over the Christmas period we will be checking the office email everyday. If you find that you have a positive Covid result especially during the first week of the break please do contact us via the school email address. We will then report this to our Trust who provide the relevant information to Public Health England and the DfE so that we can be advised if we need to inform anyone else of the need to go into isolation.

We all return to school on Monday 4th January 2021.

Friends of Malmesbury Park (FOMPPS) – Season Greetings from FOMPPS and we hope everyone is looking forward to the break. We would like to thank the children in FS1 and FS2 for all the Christmas cards they have made. The cards are going to be distributed by Asda to residents in care homes and the homeless community. We are very proud to be involved in a community project such as this.

On the theme of Christmas, our raffle is in full swing. Raffle tickets are being sold for £1.00 per strip. Please send your child into class with their £1.00. All Covid Safe! The prizes are aimed at fun for the family and include restaurant vouchers, a crazy golf family pass, days out locally and much more. All monies raised will be going towards purchasing laptops for children to use in class.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that FOMPPS are donating a Pantomime to the children for Christmas! It has been a tough year for them so we hope they will find it entertaining! The online pantomime will be streamed to their classes during the last week of term.

With warmest thanks for all your support and remember you can always contact us via the office or email (details on the website).

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 16th Nov – National anti-bullying week.
Thurs 10th Dec – Flu vaccine day
Fri 18th Dec – Christmas Party Day and End of term
Mon 4th Jan- Return to school
Thurs 11th Feb – Break for half term
Fri 12th Feb – Inset day
Mon 22nd Feb – Inset day
Tues 23rd Feb – Return to school
Thurs 4th Mar – World Book Day
Wed 31st Mar – Break for Easter
Thurs 1st April – Inset day
Mon 19th April – Return to school
Mon 3rd May – Bank Holiday (School closed)
Mon 10th May – Y6 SATs week
Fri 28th May – Break for half term
Mon 7th June – Return to school
Fri 2nd July – Inset day
Mon 5th July – Inset day
Fri 23rd July – Last day of term

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Yin & Restorative - Wednesday 8-9pm
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Energising Flow - Friday 915-1015am

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