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Newsletter December 2020



Dear Parents,

As we all know, this year has been a challenging year for everyone and we have all had to make changes to our lives. I have been very grateful to be working with such a strong community of children, parents and staff who have really pulled together this year to do our very best for our children. Thank you to you all for your flexibility, your understanding and your compassion - particularly when things might have not gone according to plan. At school, we have been uplifted by the many kind comments that we have received from parents.

Normally at this point, I would be saying how good it has been to see you at our Christmas concerts. Sadly, these have not taken place this year but each year group has worked together to make a video to share with you. Today you should have received a link so that you can see this. **Please can I remind you that the video links sent out to parents should not be shared on any social media platform. This is for safeguarding reasons.** The staff are also hoping to share a Christmas video on our twitter feed and we are happy for you to share this.

As we cannot have our collections after the concerts this year, you may wish to donate to our chosen charities for this year via Parent Pay. The charities are as follows:

- Mac Millan Cancer Support
- The Local YMCA who support local families through their foodbank as well as homeless people
- Dreamflight - a charity which helps young children with serious illness or disabilities to have a special holiday



Thank you on behalf of all these charities to those of you who have contributed so far.

Thank you also to the kitchen staff and the team from Mellors for cooking almost 600 delicious Christmas dinners and Christmas party themed meals for all the children in the school.

After Christmas, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Nattrass back from maternity leave. She will mostly be working with Year 2 to help them catch up on any learning that they missed out on during lockdown. We will also be starting catch up interventions for other year groups after the holidays. We will send separate letters for these.

Thank you on behalf of the staff for all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. We wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. **We look forward to seeing you all again when school reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

Elaine Curtis
Headteacher





Good news and thank you from AFWS

Thank you to our AFWS committee who have continued to raise money throughout lockdown. Their latest venture, the online Christmas raffle, has raised £765 - what a fantastic total! Thank you to everyone who supported by buying tickets. All proceeds will be spent on items to support your children in school.

We are grateful to AFWS because they provided a selection box for every child at their parties this week. Because Santa could not visit school in person this year, he sent the children a video message. This will be shared on the AFWS Facebook page and our school twitter feed @WilliamShrews.



Severe Weather Procedures

For your information, if we decide to close the school due to severe weather in the coming winter months, a message will be published on our website and a text message sent out to parents. Staffordshire County Council also has a designated Emergency School Closures area on their website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures.aspx>

Notification of Covid-19 cases

Please be aware that we may need to contact you in the first six days after we break up if we are notified of a positive Covid-19 test which means that your child needs to isolate.

If this happens, we will let you know by text which will give you the date that the isolation period ends. You will also be signposted to a letter on our website, from the Local Outbreak Team, which gives you general information about isolation.

If your child tests positive at the beginning of the holiday and has been in school during the 48 hours before the onset of symptoms, please notify us on weekendcovid@williamshrewsbury.staffs.sch.uk

The Little Mermaid

Children from Reception to Year 3 have enjoyed watching a virtual recording of the Little Mermaid today. This was produced by Derby Theatre. The children loved the performance..... and the popcorn!!



Lost Property

Over the Christmas break, please can we ask that you check that all items of school uniform and PE kits are named? We have many unnamed items, worth a total of hundreds of pounds, that we dispose of at the end of each term.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE -
THANK YOU FOR ALL
YOUR SUPPORT IN 2020!**

