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Friday, 18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Autumn Term Newsletter

As we come towards the end of this term there are a number of notices I would like to bring to your attention.

Firstly, I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support this term, during what has been an unusual time for all.

Whilst we have not been able to celebrate events and support charities in our normal way, we have still raised awareness and celebrated in different ways, including Remembrance, Diwali, Children in Need, Anti-Bullying week, Switch off week and World food day.

Last month all children enjoyed creating their own 'My Art Project' Christmas design in school where a variety of products were then available for parents to order.

This week the children have taken part in lots of different Christmas activities and have thoroughly enjoyed doing this. Please can we remind parents to view the Christmas message from your child's class which is available on the class sites of the Learning Platform. There is also a lovely Christmas message from the School Choir on the homepage of the School Website which we would encourage parents to watch as well as a Festive Message from some of our Badgeholders.

Our Christmas dinner with festive treats was held in school last week and all children wore a Christmas party hat and listened to Christmas music in the dining rooms.

Christmas parties took place yesterday and children enjoyed the music, games and treats in their class bubbles.

There have been weekly Class Assemblies and Key Stage assemblies, held over Teams, which have covered a range of topics, including online safety, and supported children's wellbeing. We have also held weekly Recognition Assemblies where children's efforts in their work and behaviour have been recognised. In our end of Term recognition assemblies today, held via Teams for KS1 and KS2 children, teachers have nominated individual children for particular recognition in online learning, kindness towards others as well as a Teachers choice award.



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THANK YOU PARENTS

It was lovely to see so many parents able to access their Parents Evening appointment via Teams this year. We plan to repeat this format again for the Spring Term Parents Evening scheduled for w/c 8th February 2021.

Thank you to the parents who have been able to make their School Fund payments this year. If you have not yet made your School Fund payment and are in a position to do so, please make this payment via SIMS Pay.

We would like to thank parents for their support accessing children's online homework. If your child is experiencing any difficulties gaining access or does not have a device, please email

onlinesupport@pheasey.org.uk

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We will be continuing with our one-way system in January and we are pleased with the slight adjustment we have made recently. We will continue to monitor the systems in place and ensure we follow Government Guidance.

Please can we remind parents to only arrive on school site at the time of your child's drop off/collection times and no earlier and leave the site as soon as possible - children should be accompanied by just one adult wherever possible.

Please remember that we are asking all parents to wear a face covering when on school site.

We would like to stress that all arrangements we put into place are done in the best interests of everyone concerned.

Please be mindful when parking your vehicle around school site. We ask parents and carers to be respectful to the local residents and their property at all times. We have been advised by the Police that any concerns off school site should be raised directly with them and they have asked for parents to contact them via email aldridge@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk.

COVID-19

Please can I remind parents that it is vital you inform school if your child receives a positive COVID test before Christmas. Please email postbox@pheasey.org.uk as soon as you receive results so that we can



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write a risk assessment with Public Health and inform any children or staff of the requirement to isolate. If a member of your household receives a positive test at any point during the Christmas break, all household members must isolate for 10 days.

WALSALL COVID-19 WINTER GRANT SCHEME

The Walsall Covid-19 Winter Grant Scheme has been set up by Walsall Council to provide children and families with a little extra financial support this winter, helping to ensure that no one goes hungry or without essential utilities. Walsall Council have made contact with all families who are eligible for this support.

For more information on Walsall's Covid Winter Grant Scheme and other support Walsall Council have in place to help with a loss or reduction in earnings / income please go to www.walsall.gov.uk/covid-19_information/coronavirus_covid_-_19_help_support_for_walsall_residents.

You can also find details via the link about how to make sure that your family benefits from this grant if you are overdrawn or you do not have a bank account. If you do not have access to the internet you can contact Walsall Council on 0300 555 2855.

ASDA MEALS

We would like to remind parents that Asda Queslett are running the free take away meal scheme during December as per the letter sent to parents on Monday, 7th December 2020.

HAIR & UNIFORM POLICY

May I remind parents that children will be required to wear plain, navy items for PE in Spring Term along with their PE T-Shirt and we will continue to allow children to come into school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE day. Nursery children will start their PE sessions on Thursday, 7th January 2021. Please can I also remind parents of the school hair policy. Hair must be smart and formal. Hair styles which are extreme/detract from learning or impact health and safety are not allowed e.g. tramlines, patterns, beads, colours, highlights, shaved partings.

In light of the current COVID situation, we are keeping our classrooms well ventilated and therefore the school may seem cooler than it normally would. To keep our staff and children warm and comfortable in class, we are temporarily allowing them to wear boots during the day, however we must insist that the children's boots are black, plain and flat. We will allow children to wear additional layers under their uniform.



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SCHOOL DINNERS

In January, the price of a School dinner will increase from £2.10 to £2.20 per day. Please remember this increase when adding money to your child's SIMS Pay account. School dinners for children in KS1 and anyone entitled to Free School Meals will continue to incur no charge.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our whole school calendar of events is currently available through the homepage of the Learning Platform. We will no longer be producing a calendar list, therefore please check the Learning Platform for ALL Key dates. We are currently exploring ways to add the calendar to the school website and we will keep parents updated with this. We are hoping to add to the calendar as the term continues however this will depend on the current situation surrounding COVID.

OTHER NEWS

We would like to congratulate Mrs Coyle who will be taking maternity leave during the Spring Term. We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Burnett will be taking over class NRC and there will be a transition period to ensure consistency for the children.

We are pleased to have welcomed back Mrs Knight this term and we look forward to Mrs Page returning from Maternity leave next term.

This term we said goodbye to Mrs Elkes, Lunchtime Playleader and wish her well for the future.

May I remind parents that we break up today and return to School on Tuesday, 5th January 2021.

I would like to thank Children, Parents, Staff and Governors for their support this year and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Arnold
Head of School

