



Pauntley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th December



Our termly Value: Compassion

“ ... Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness. ”

Acts 14:17

We've made it!

A huge thank you to everyone this year for helping us to get through to the end. The staff have worked incredibly hard; the children have been fantastic and we have received a great deal of positive support from parents and carers. Luckily we have been one of a handful of schools to escape without any closures..

I am hoping that next year will continue to be disruption free and we can continue to ensure the children make great progress.

Here's to a restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Positive Cases over Christmas

As per the letter shared earlier this week, please ensure you contact the relevant email address if your child is tested positive in the first six days after school finishes so that we can let other close contacts know.

If your child needs to isolate when we are due to return please follow the government guidance and inform us by phone/email.

New Appointment

I am pleased to announce that we have secured the services of Mrs Jones an experienced EYFS/KS1 teacher to take the lead in Mayhill class. Unfortunately, she is unable to start with us until after February half term but we are incredibly lucky that Miss Bruce will continue with the class until that point. I am hoping that we can introduce her to everyone sometime early in the New Year.

What have the children been up to?

What a busy week the children have had!

On Monday, Malvern Class spent an afternoon problem solving in DT.

On Tuesday the children experienced the Nativity when Owen Westall and Rev Kat Mephan visited the school.

What a fun filled day the children had on Wednesday! They enjoyed the scrumptious buffet at lunch time and then played lots of silly games in the afternoon.

The children were quite surprised when they heard Newent Fire Service arriving in the car park to show off their decorated engine.

Malvern Class



Experiencing the Nativity



Problem solving together

Playing silly Christmas games

Newent Fire Service visit the school in a Christmas decorated fire engine.



Christmas party lunch



Fond Farewell

Thank you to all that contributed to Mrs Tyler's leaving gifts. I know that she will be sorely missed having made such an impact on so many young lives and given so much to the school. We all wish her well for the future.

Notices

Dates for the diary: First day back after the Christmas break will be Tuesday 5th January 2021

After school clubs – there will be no after school clubs the first week back in January. They will commence on Monday 11th January.

Forest School - first week back will be May Hill

Spellings – we will now be putting the weekly spellings in the newsletter. Luckily for the children, they have none over the Christmas holidays. Phew!

Piano lessons – will commence first week back.

Wellies – we will be sending your child home with their school wellies, please check they still fit! Please take the time to label all your child's uniform as we are still finding uniform without name tags on.

Thank you! - A huge thanks goes out to the Friends of Pauntley (PTFA) for all their hard work with fundraising this year. We know it hasn't been easy but somehow you have still come up with ways to raise funds for our school. We think you are great! **THANK YOU**

The following has been raised this term;

Sponsored walk - £417.35

Christmas gifts - £218.00

Hamper raffle - £257.00

A huge thank you to everyone that contributed!

Adverse weather

In advance of any adverse weather conditions this winter can we remind you of the procedures in the event of snow. In the event of school closure we will send out a text message by 7.30am. Details will also be on the county council website www.glosclosedschools.com, Twitter @Glos schools and local radio stations. **Please make doubly sure all contact telephone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school office.**

Achievements



Well done to all of the children for their hard work throughout the term despite all the difficult circumstances we have faced. A massive thank you also goes to all our wonderful parents for all their support. Miss Bruce is particularly touched by the warm welcome that she has received.

We wish you and your families a very happy Christmas.



Why couldn't Santa sell Comet and Cupid on ebay?

Because they were two deer!