

02 December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

The term has been a very busy and eventful one. Despite being in a national lockdown, which ended today, we have been busy getting on with our autumn term. It has been packed full of rich learning, creative activities and themed celebrations. There is less than three weeks until the term ends and our well-earned festive winter break begins.

Whilst we are unable to enjoy the festivities of the season in our usual way, we are planning to celebrate everyone's hard work and efforts in the week of **Monday 14th – Friday 18th December 2020**.

Celebrations are as follows:

- **Monday the 14th** Celebrations start with 'Christmas Jumper' day. We are asking children to bring in a gold coin to donate to charity.
- **Tuesday 15th** - Arts and Crafts Day
- **Wednesday 16th Christmas Dinner**, across two sittings
- **Thursday 17th** - Pantomime story telling performance of Cinderella. (Years 1-6)
- In addition to this a wide range of activities in classes designed to ensure everyone can take part.

The children and adults have found the limited access to all the educational visits, that London has to offer, really challenging. We have a rich local environment that we have had limited access to. We are very much looking forward to the spring term when we are hopeful we can begin to reintroduce educational visits, parts of our extended day, and welcome parents and carers back into school. The school council have been very busy organising theme days which we have really enjoyed. The next one is our christmas/festive season jumper day. We look forward to everyone taking part.



As the lockdown ends London is being placed in tier 2. This means whilst we remain fully open we will still be following procedures at the school gates, following physical distancing and hand

washing protocols, changing footwear and working tightly within our bubbles. We appreciate the challenges this brings for us all but remain secure in knowing that we are doing our very best to ensure the health and safety of our whole school community.

As many of you are aware, we will be experiencing a number of staffing changes over the coming months; Ms Bott is getting ready for her new baby, Mr Kehris leaving us in December to begin a new and exciting chapter and Ms Darby has gone to work closer to home. We are currently recruiting a teacher to work with Ms Bott and take over the class whilst she is on her maternity leave. I am delighted to welcome Mr Keeler who started with us on Monday. He will be taking over year 4 in January and if you haven't already had the opportunity to say hello you can meet him at the Brewery Road gate at the start and end of the school day.

This week there is a headteacher challenge underway to help us to celebrate National tree week. We are finding out about and sharing amazing facts about trees. The aim is for us to work together to find out as many amazing things about trees that we can for 'our secret life of trees' display. Our amazing facts are due on or before Wednesday 9th December. More details are below.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support in helping the school to be a safe place for teaching and learning for the staff and children. If you have any concerns or queries, or would like to discuss anything further you can speak with your teachers on google classroom, or make an appointment through the school office. We will get back to you within two working days.

Best Wishes



Michelle Bahn
Headteacher



HEADTEACHER'S CHALLENGE

- ▶ Can you find out amazing facts about trees?
- ▶ Something that fills you with awe and wonder
- ▶ An amazing new and exciting fact you didn't know
- ▶ Present your finding/s in a creative and exciting way.
- ▶ Due on or before Wednesday 9 December.

