



December 4th 2020



We have almost made it! I am hoping that the next 2 weeks go smoothly and we can try and make the end of term magical and special for the children. We are going ahead with our usual end of term activities - just a little bit different 😊

I've zoomed Santa and he is so impressed with all the children at Pottery Primary School, he might be able to pop over for a socially distanced visit on the last day if the elves will let him have the afternoon off. He is looking forward to hot chocolate Christmas cookies and an outdoor Christmas sing song. Hopefully, he will have some goodies for the children, which of course will have been wrapped at the North Pole, left and safe to take home ready for Christmas day (I hope he remembers to pack something for the staff!!).



Thank you for all your support, I have been extremely grateful for every-one's patience and understanding through what has been a challenging couple of terms. I have enjoyed getting to know all the children in school and there is never a day when the children don't make me smile! I am looking forward to going back into the classroom and whilst I am sad not to be finishing the year with reception, I am excited about teaching the year 5/6 class.

Mrs Peach can't wait to get started in January and has been getting to know the school during this last term.

Please help us...

- protect our office staff, by staying behind the blue line in the entrance area and wearing a mask when entering the building.
- continue to maintain social distance around the school gate when children are entering and leaving the site.
- Continue to let us know if your child has symptoms of COVID or if anyone in your family has a positive test and children need to self-isolate.

Access to learning at home

We are very excited to finally have our online learning platform set up and ready to share with families after Christmas. Each child will have their own email account and will be able to access learning on line with their teachers much easier (once we all learn how to do it!). I already know of several children who don't have access to suitable technology and have worked hard this term to try and secure funding to help provide for home learning. If your child can't access online learning, please could you let us know so we can do our best to try and support this.

PSA

The Pottery School Association are an incredibly hard-working group of parents, who raise money to provide additional resources beyond what the budget provides for. Last year, they raised the money for the outdoor classrooms, which have been well used this term - ensuring the children spend as much of their learning time outdoors. In the past, they have raised money for the trim trail, put money towards the Christmas pantomime visit and helped set up the cooking kitchen for the children.

Look out for their newsletter which is coming soon and please try and support them by buying a raffle ticket to start and build up funds for additional classroom iPads.

Warm clothes

We continue to persevere with windows and doors open to make sure there is a flow of fresh air in classrooms. It is getting colder so please wrap your children up warm. Children can wear fleeces / coats in classrooms if they are feeling the cold.



Finding DEC

Mrs Marriott and her team are busy preparing for Christmas dinner on the 11th. During the last week, they will also be hiding DEC every day for the children to find. On the last day of term, they will be doing a 'party' lunch and providing cookies for our last afternoon.



School Council

We have a very enthusiastic school council this year who have some brilliant ideas about how the children would like to improve the school. Their ideas so far include new playground equipment and sorting out a hole in a fence in the Y5/6 playground so the ball doesn't go under.

Belper Youth Council



We are delighted that Zoe in year 6 has been chosen to join the Belper youth council. Their project for this Christmas is to try and provide additional resources for hope for Belper. If anyone could donate items of dried/tinned foods or toiletries, we are going to put a box outside to put items in. These will be taken to Hope for Belper to distribute at Christmas. Very many thanks.

7 th - 11 th December Enterprise projects	Children will be busy finishing their enterprise projects. These can be bought from the class teacher before 11 th December and will be saved in class until the last day of term. Look out for a letter from you class teachers for further details.
11 th December Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper	Last day for Christmas cards coming into school. These will be given out on the last day of term.
14 th December Reception Party No uniform for Reception	The children will have activities in the morning and games and dancing in the afternoon. This year, school will provide food and drinks for the children.
15 th December Y3/4 Party No uniform for Y3/4	Children in Y3/4 can wear their own clothes. Lots of fun activities.
16 th December	Bags to school collection final day
16 th December Y1/2 Party No uniform for Y1/2	Children in 1/2 can wear their own clothes. Lots of fun activities.
17 th December Y5/6 Party No uniform for Y5/6	Children in Y5/6 can wear their own clothes. Lots of fun activities.
18 th December Christmas Jumper	AM - Virtual pantomime. Jack and the beanstalk PM - Afternoon hot chocolate (or squash) and cookies. Giving out of Christmas things to take home.



As always, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or the school office if there is anything we can do to help with your child's learning or well being.

Very many thanks for your contiued support
Mrs Nicholson