



## 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I think it would be fair to say that this week has been challenging! You will be aware that we have unfortunately been struck by COVID, with a number of children and staff being affected. As highlighted in our communication with you throughout the week, we are following all of the guidance given **but we have also now had to make the difficult decision to close the school on Monday and Tuesday next week** – we have sent further details to you. We are grateful for all of your understanding and support during this time and if I can find a positive in this, then it would that it has been brilliant to see our school community pull together.

I am sure it will come as no surprise to you that we are also going to have cancel our planned Christmas nativities and carol concerts. I am truly sorry and very disappointed to have to do this but in order to safeguard our whole school community we simply can not have multiple people gathering together. I know that you will also be disappointed but I hope that you do understand that we have little option with this. We will try our very best to put something together that we can record and share – we are still determined to make sure that we give the children an enjoyable and festive end to the term.

Understandably this is a worrying and unsettling time for parents and children but I have made sure that I and all adults in the school have been reassuring the children that there is nothing for them to worry about. At the end of this newsletter I have included some links which might be of use if your child/children is worried or has lots of questions.

I hope that next week our newsletter can be a little more full of cheer!

As always, wishing you all a great weekend.

Mr Hick

## Christmas

As highlighted above we are having to cancel our planned nativities and carol concerts but we will endeavour to do something – this may look different from class to class.

Christmas Lunch will be moved from 8<sup>th</sup> to the last week of term. Date to be confirmed.

As I have said we are still determined to make this an enjoyable time for the children and will keep you updated with plans for Christmas parties!

## Remote Learning

Details of our remote learning plans have already been shared this week but current policy and arrangements can be found [here](#). Please do remember that if your child is not very well then there is no expectation that they access this learning and this is aimed at children who are isolating but otherwise well. Further details for Monday and Tuesday will also be shared.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has started and bookings can be made in the same way as we now do for Chatterbox, through Parent Pay (**last bookings by 3.15pm the day before**). The club runs from 7.45am through to the start of the school day and we are providing the children with a drink and a choice of cereal or toast (or both if they want!). It is being run by Mrs Dicker and Mr Smith and there is a session charge of £3.50 per day.



**Currently, numbers are too low to make Breakfast club something that we can continue with. However, we will continue to run this for another half term and then review so please do book in the usual way.**

## A message from the PTA

Sadly we are going to have to cancel the upcoming tea with Santa due to increasing Covid cases within the school.

Everyone who has already booked will receive a refund and every child will still receive their gift from Santa.

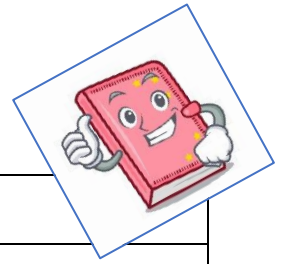
We haven't taken this decision lightly and we hope you understand our reasons.

Please bear with me while I process refunds.

I have been asked by many to keep their payment as a donation, please email me if you would also like to donate and not receive a refund. [chacewaterschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:chacewaterschoolpta@gmail.com)

We really do appreciate each and everyone who has donated.

Rachael.



### Dates For Your Diary

1.12.21	Mighty Oaks Maritime Museum Trip
8.12.21	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day. <b>Postponed</b>
13.12.21	Acorn Nativities 1.30pm and 5.30pm - <b>cancelled</b>
14.12.21	KS1 Nativities - <b>cancelled</b>
15.12.21	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm - <b>cancelled</b>
16.12.21	KS2 Carol Concert 9.30am and 2.30pm - <b>cancelled</b>
17.12.21	Last day of Autumn Term
4.1.22	First day of Spring term



## GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Xander & Ella
SEEDLINGS	Riley & Ailla
BUDS	Holly & Sophie
YOUNG OAKS	Ruben & Whole Class!
BUR OAKS	Ailla & Harry
RED OAKS	Bobbie-Jo & Kaitlyn
MIGHTY OAKS	Freya & Kian



BE KIND



BE RESPECTFUL



BE HONEST



BE BRILLIANT



COVID – Links to support children and families:

- Supporting parents and carers video – click [here](#).
- Helpful information to answer children questions about coronavirus – click [here](#)
- Talking to your child about the coronavirus – YoungMinds – click [here](#)
- Worries about the world - Childline advice page – click [here](#)
- Coronavirus comic strip – NPR – click [here](#)
- Tips for if you're worried about the coronavirus - Newsround video – click [here](#)