



### Weekly Update: 17th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th January: INSET Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: First day of Spring Term

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February: Half term

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Last day of Spring Term

Monday 6th June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee

Monday 25th July: INSET Day

Tuesday 26th July: INSET Day

It has been wonderful to enjoy all our Christmas traditions and celebrations over the past week. The Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents are enjoying watching the film of their children's Nativity production; Christmas dinner was enjoyed in the hall over three sittings, with Christmas music and a lot of fun and laughter and we have enjoyed a Carol Service with Rev Scott today. After a busy period of assessments across all subjects, the children have had a more relaxing day today with their teachers and classmates.

As a school, we are always improving and developing to achieve the best outcomes for all our children. We recently had a visit from a primary education adviser, who is an Ofsted Inspector; she was impressed by the passionate leadership of the school with a clear vision which is being enacted through the creation of a positive culture; she felt that there was clarity of intent of curriculum and the link to the school's vision and values and a clear plan for how the whole curriculum will be taught in each year group and the journey of a child through the 7 years. As ever, we have areas to develop, and my team and I continue to work hard to reflect on our practice and take actions to improve.

We don't know what January will bring- we hope we can continue as we have been, but Omicron could put pressure on staffing and therefore there is the possibility of schools needing to close classes or indeed whole schools. Your child will come home with exercise books today and we ask that you keep them safe- we hope that they are not needed for remote learning and therefore we can collect them back in at a later date. Better to be prepared though. Thank you for your updated information on critical worker status, and with our 'Remote Learning Contingency' in place, we are ready. As Head Teacher, I would like to thank you for all the support you give us- it has been another challenging term in unprecedented times, but together we continue to work together for the very best for all of the children. May I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and I hope you get a chance to rest and relax at some point.

#### Winners of the PTA Colouring Competition

Pippin: Jason and Emily F

Maigold: Emily R & Henry

Gala: Barney & Paige

Headteacher:  
Mrs Ali Pook

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Discovery: Toby W & Bea  
Camelot: Lottie & James  
Blenheim: Tyler B & Ella

### Donation of Books

We have been very fortunate to receive a donation of Personal Social Health Economic Education (PSHE) books by Wilkie, May & Tuckwood. Thank you to Mr Battersby for supporting this, and to Elise Patrick, from Usborne Books, who organised this gift of books to support mental health and well-being.



### Clubs

It is our plan for staff to run 'class clubs' from the end of January- letters will follow early in the new term. We were planning to send these out this term, but with so much uncertainty, we thought it prudent to wait.

### Message from Mrs Andrews

School dinner orders for the first week back in January are now closed. If you have not ordered, your child will need to bring a packed lunch.

### Awards

Although we were unable to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today, we are all so proud of the following pupils:

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Ethan

Maigold: Lilly K

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Gala: Miila

Discovery: Sienna

Camelot: Tyler

Blenheim: Ella

### **Running Rockstars (Daily Mile)**

Camelot: William

### **Lunchtime stars**

Gala: Mia-Rose

Camelot: Zac

Blenheim: Harry D

### **50 merits:**

Pippin: Eddie, Henry

Maigold: Henry, Bella, Freddie, Darcy J, Emily, Darcey S,

Gala: Miila

Discovery: Jack C, James, Rupert, Taylor, Tiana, Jamie, Holly, Sophie, Arthur, Poppy, Toby,

Camelot:

Blenheim: Ella, Jack G, George P, Sam, Chloe, Maisie, Oliver, Alfie, Oscar, Ashleigh-Marie, Lexi,

**Nativity awards:** Evie G, Daisy G & George A

### **Accelerated Reader: Amazing Progress**

Blenheim: Ella, Jaylon, Noah, Emily, Chloe, Alfie, Lexi, Ashleigh-Marie, Rylee, Jacob, Oscar, Maisie, Natasza, Oliver, Sam, Luke

### **House Merit Cup**

Blackdown: 558; Mendip 538; Polden 461, Quantock 407. Well done Blackdown!

### **Out of school achievements**

**Scouts:** Jaylon (Blenheim class) has worked hard to achieve 5 new skills badges



**Taekwondo:** Xander (Camelot Class) has recently completed a grading and has achieved his white/yellow stripe belt.

**Gymnastics trampoline:** Alex (Camelot Class) has trained hard to achieve his level 6 award.

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