

Newsletter – Term 2

Staffing

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Severn at the end of this term as he pursues his career in finance. Mr Severn has been a valued member of staff and has an excellent rapport with the children, particularly in Willow Class where he has been their TA. I know they are sad to see him leave, as we are. We'd like to wish Mr Severn all the best in his new career.

After Christmas, Willow Class will be joined by Mrs Churnside, who is an experienced Teaching Assistant and we look forward to welcoming her to the Buxted team.

We are also delighted to announce that Miss Buckley is expecting her first baby! She is due in April so will be with us for a little longer yet but I am sure you will join us in congratulating her on her soon to be bundle of joy!

PTA Virtual Christmas Fair

Although we have been restricted with what we can do this year, the PTA have not let this stop their efforts to raise money for the school. Thank you for putting on such a fantastic Virtual Christmas Fair, which has raised just over £2,000 for the school! The amount of work that had gone into organising the events as well as putting it all online has been enormous and we are extremely grateful their continued efforts to raise money for the school. As always, these are valuable funds for the school to spend on things over and above what schools can afford within their own budgets.

I think I will also be joined by many parents in thanking the PTA for the gifts the children received this year. The number of positive comments and messages, particularly with regards to the children's letters from Santa, has been overwhelming! There are a lot of very happy and excited children as a result so thank you on behalf of everyone.

Colouring Competition

The winners of the PTA Colouring Competition are:

For KS1 - Mia in Cherry Class

For KS2 – Niamh in Willow Class

Congratulations to both of you! I hope you enjoy your Christmas activity craft set.



Santa Run

The children enjoyed their Santa Run assault course last week. We had lots of interesting headwear for the run including turkey hats!

Thank you to Miss Young for organising the event.



Christmas Service Video

The link for the Christmas Service video has been put on your child's Seesaw account to watch. If you have any issues accessing the video then please let us know. Thank you to Reverend Molloy for coordinating our visits to the church to rehearse and record. We hope that you enjoy the service!



Gingerbread Houses

We were lucky to be one of the recipients of 30 gingerbread houses made by the catering team at Buxted Park Hotel. The children across the school thoroughly enjoyed decorating (and eating) the gingerbread houses.

INSET Day

There is an INSET day on Monday 4th January. Children will therefore return to school on Tuesday 5th January. The staggered starts and finishes will remain in place as they have been.

COVID Update Information

As you may be aware, the self-isolation period has been reduced from 14 to 10 days. Schools are required to be notified by you if you test positive for COVID-19 up to 24th December. At that point, Track and Trace will take over until schools return from the Christmas holiday. It is important to remember that if you are contacted to self-isolate and test negative within the self-isolation period, you are still required to complete the remainder of the self-isolation period.

Our Learning This Term

