



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the final week of an Autumn Term unlike any other we have experienced. We have had new routines to get used to, and we have had to adapt to a more restricted way of school life, with fewer events and visits, a lack of visitors, and a lack of community events which make our small school family so special. We are all very much looking forward to the days when these return, and hopefully they are not far away. However, we have completed a term where attendance has been fantastic given the circumstances, where children have settled back into school after lockdown and enjoyed their learning, and where we have still managed to include some clubs and enrichment opportunities within our new limits.

We suffered a setback last week but are really excited about the return of Hummingbird Class and Robin Class on Tuesday, and are keen that some of our end of term plans will go ahead as we hoped. So, letters have gone home this week about the visits to Fauls Church Crib Festival – please return the permission slips which have been sent in book bags. We will also have our Christmas Jumper Day on the final day of term, and this year we will accept donations of any amount for the NSPCC, to thank them for the ‘keeping safe’ resources which they provided for us during anti-bullying week. On this last day of term, we have also purchased an online ‘Cinderella’ panto performance, which we will show to children whilst they have drinks and snacks. We hope that this will be a festive end to the term!

This term’s clubs end today, so next week the only after-school care available is Activity Zone. Please book places by contacting the school office if you require them. Clubs lists for the Spring Term have been sent home this week, so please return your booking forms by 18th December, as clubs begin again on Monday 11th January.

Thank you all for your kind words and support during our more challenging days; our catch-ups on the car park or quick emails and phone calls make all the difference to the atmosphere around school.

Mrs Deborah Sadler
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Christmas Card Quarantine!

There have been queries about whether children can bring in Christmas cards for their friends this year, given our Covid restrictions. We would be happy to facilitate this but would request that you help us to make this as safe as possible by children bringing their cards to school, and placing them in our post box in the hall, no later than FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER. We will then quarantine the cards for at least 72 hours and during the last week of term, a member of staff will issue the cards to the recipients. Please don't send cards in any later than Friday 11th December, or ask your child to distribute cards themselves without them having been quarantined.

Reporting Covid Test Results

Please email head@heath.shropshire.sch.uk to report any Covid test results (positive or negative) **OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS**. During school hours, and should you wish to report a child's absence due to Covid symptoms (or other illnesses), please telephone the school office.

Christmas Card Winners!

This week, we can announce the winners of the Fauls Christmas card competition:

- Olivia B**
- Lily S**
- Tilly E**
- Kimi B**

Well done to everyone! Designs have been printed on cards sent to the local community. We have chocolates for the winners!

Children displaying Covid symptoms

If your child has a high temperature, a new continuous cough, and/or a loss of taste/smell, please **DO NOT** bring your child into school. Contact the school advice on the next steps to take in terms of self-isolation, and ensure that your child has a Covid test. Thank you.

Robin Class and Hummingbird Class – change of day for Forest School

From next week onwards, children in Robin Class and Hummingbird Class will be having their **forest school session on a Tuesday afternoon rather than Friday**. Children also have PE on Tuesdays, so will need to come to school wearing clothes suitable for PE, but will also need long trousers, long sleeves, a waterproof coat and wellies ready for their afternoon outdoors!

WORSHIP



Our value for this half term is **compassion**. Next week, we will be focusing on **'God of the unexpected' (Luke 2.8-20) which has a Christmas theme**. If your child(ren) would like to prepare a prayer or something to share during class worship, linked to this theme, they would be very welcome.

CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Hugo, Nieve, Poppy and Tilly, who all celebrate their birthdays this week!



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**, who are:

- Hummingbirds:** All children working well at home!
- Robin Class:** Olly, Tate, Noah and Reggie
- Skylark Class:** Alys, Ava S, Poppy P, Charlie, William, and all of the children for their super DT work creating moon buggies!
- Kingfisher Class:** Mia G, Pip, Ava TB and Remi
- Owl Class:** Bertie, Sophia, Isaac and Abbie

PE Awards go to: Jacob S, Lily S and Danielle

News:

[Click here](#) to view what our children have been up to recently.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.



Events at a glance:

- Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th December:** Visits to Fauls Church Crib Festival (Covid-restrictions permitting)
- Friday 18th December:** Last day of term: Christmas Jumper Day – donations for NSPCC welcome
- Monday 4th January: Spring term begins

