



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have really enjoyed the end of this term! It was great to welcome Robin and Hummingbird classes back on Monday, and to see how pleased everyone was to be back. Throughout the week, our children have visited Fauls church to see the wonderful crib festival, where they learnt about Nativity scenes from around the world, and enjoyed a reading of the Nativity story. The children behaved beautifully. Children have also enjoyed an online panto in their class bubbles, complete with drinks and snacks, so we managed to have a festive end to the week whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers! Thank you for all of your kind donations to the NSPCC. The term was topped off with a very special visitor, as Santa very briefly visited each class bubble, and from the doorway he wished everyone Merry Christmas and left a bag of gifts for the class teachers to give out! It was fantastic to see the children's faces, and we were all very relieved that Santa is still delivering gifts during a pandemic!

We hope that you all have a fantastic Christmas, whatever that might look like this year, and we wish you all the very best for the new year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, and on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding our topic Launch Day for our Spring Term themes. A letter was sent home yesterday outlining what those themes are, and providing some costume suggestions for the day.

In the meantime, visit our Facebook page to view our Christmas VLOG, and to see some fabulous photographs of our Christingle services and crib festival visits.

*Mrs Deborah Sadler*  
**Headteacher**



**REMINDERS & NOTICES**

**Spring Term Launch Day**

Children will return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, we will hold our Launch Day to introduce children to our Spring Term topics.** As usual, children are welcome to come to school in costumes linked to their topic, as we complete activities to immerse them in their new learning. The topics are briefly outlined below, and we sent home more detailed costume ideas in a letter yesterday:

**Hummingbird & Robin Classes:**

Habitats and minibeasts

**Skylark Class:** WW1 and WW2

**Kingfisher Class:** Explorers

**Owl Class:** Arabian Nights

**Reporting Covid Test Results During the Holiday**

Please email [head@heath.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@heath.shropshire.sch.uk) to report any Covid symptoms displayed by your child(ren), and any Covid test results, up until 24<sup>th</sup> December. This is so that we can notify the close contacts of any positive cases and inform them of the need to self-isolate. In the unfortunate instance of a positive case, we will communicate with any close contact via email and text message. Please ensure that we can contact you via these methods during the Christmas break.

**Well done to our footballers!**

It was brilliant to hear that some of our Owl Class girls represented North Shropshire in a football match on Monday evening. The team won 7-2! This is fantastic news and it's great to see our Lower Heath children involved in sport outside school. Well done!

**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**

Next term, 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 next half term is **perseverance**. However, during the first week back, we will be focusing on **Epiphany (Matthew 2.1-12)**. 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:**

Miss Vigon, Bertie, Charlie W and Elliot who all celebrate their birthdays this week or during the holidays!



**AWARD WINNERS**

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

**Hummingbirds:** Evie, Martha, Niall and Reggie

**Robin Class:** Connor, Kimi and Stanley

**Skylark Class:** Oscar, Sam, Franky, Poppy P & Alys

**Kingfisher Class:** Nathan, Remi, Gracie-May & Poppy

**Owl Class:** Charlotte, Ethan & Bryn

**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:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Spring term begins

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Topic Launch Day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** Teach Rex (rearranged date due to Covid closure)

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February:** Half Term break

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** School closed to pupils for PD Day

