



INSPIRING SUCCESS BEYOND EXPECTATION

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Hello everyone,

We are delighted today to welcome children and staff from 5 Birch back into school after their period of self-isolation and we cannot wait until our school is complete again on Monday when Reception classes and 4 Sycamore return! Although these have been difficult times, I am very pleased to report that, at the time of writing, no members of any isolating class (children or staff) have gone on to test positive Covid which is a big relief. The vast majority of pupils have been able to access three live lessons per day with their teachers as well as keeping connected with their classmates and completing work to a high standard at home. Thank you to all the children, families and staff who have worked so hard from home these last two weeks! I am very grateful too, for all the parents who took time to send kind words of support and encouragement in emails to both myself and the teachers teaching on-line - we really appreciate them!

Just a few updates from me this week:

Christmas cards

The children have been asking me this week about whether they can bring Christmas cards into school from December. Children can bring Christmas cards in (for their class only please) from Tuesday December 1st to Friday December 11th. Regardless of when children bring them in, these will be placed in a box in the classroom until Monday 14th (after being quarantined over the weekend) when they will be given out. We hope this way, children can still experience the joy of giving and receiving Christmas cards!

Reception class Lunchtimes

We've reviewed our processes and staffing for midday supervisors looking after Reception children at lunchtime to ensure that they are looked after **only** by staff within their bubble. This means that there will be less staff in the hall to help with cutting up food etc. You can support us with this by helping your children to learn to use a knife and fork at home and by ensuring that items sent in packed lunches can be easily opened by children avoiding those peskily packaged items such as capri sun drinks, cheese-strings and frubes! Many thanks!

Christmas Lunch

You have all received a form on Parentmail this week regarding Christmas dinner which will be on Friday 11 December. Nothing's the same as usual this year as we all know, but we hope that children in all year groups can enjoy a festive lunch together in their classes (or in the hall for Nursery and Reception pupils). We need you all to complete this form to indicate whether your child will be having a Christmas lunch or bringing their own packed lunch so that we can get organised.

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School Website

We've recently refreshed our school website to ensure that all documentation on there is up to date. There is a lot of information on there from curriculum maps which show the topics your children will be studying each term to policies and staff and governor information as well as the curriculum newsletters that are sent out each half term so do have a look when you get a moment!

I think that's all for now - wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Jane Scardifield