



## Number 6 : 26th November 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week several year groups have received letters asking them to now engage in 10 day testing as the children may have been a close contact of a positive Covid test. We would ask that you do keep an eye on your emails and dojo as we use these to communicate this important information out to you. Please can I remind you about being mindful of the symptoms and if your child is displaying these to request a PCR test. Thank you to everyone who has supported us by wearing a mask whilst on site and when collecting the children. We do have the windows and doors open around school to ensure good ventilation but it does make the school chilly. As the weather and temperatures start to drop, children are able to wear base layers/t-shirts under their uniform and bring scarfs, hats etc into school if they need them in the classroom. Please ensure they do have winter coats as well as the playground can be a wind tunnel and can get quite chilly.

Some lovely news to share, the PTA have agreed to fund the purchase of another 32 Chromebooks and a charging station. At the AGM, there was a recognition of how useful they were to families in distance learning and day to day learning at school, so they wished to increase our stock level. This bundle will cost just over £7,000 and has been raised through school events last year, so a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our PTA events. This means that as a community you have funded £27,000 worth of IT hardware to the school which is mightily impressive!

Lastly to share with you that at the end of the term Mrs Perriam and Mrs Hargreaves will both be retiring. Mrs Perriam has taught at the school for all of her teaching career spanning 31 years— truly a Capellian through and through. Mrs Hargreaves joined us from St Andrews Primary when it closed and we have been very grateful for her support over the last few years. They will both be greatly missed but we thank them for their amazing service to our school.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Coughlin*



### Training Day

We will be taking a training day on  
**Friday 18th February**

(Friday before we break up for half term)

### Little Wandle Parent helpers

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to train and support Little Wandle reading groups in the Infants. I'm sure you found the training delivered by Mrs Walters really useful. We are looking forward to working with you.

### Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 17th December**

A traditional part of our run up to Christmas, we invite you to wear a Christmas jumper for the day.

### Christmas Events

I have already written to all parents about Christmas performances and events which we have had to adapt in order to minimise risk for the community.

I know this is incredibly challenging for parents but I had to balance the risk and value of the event and the wider impact on our community.

My gratitude to the PTA who are funding copies of the Nativity DVD for all of the Year 2 families.

### PCR Testing Results

Please could I ask that if your child does receive a positive PCR result, you let us know. Currently due to the numbers there can be a time lag with us hearing from Public Health which delays us informing possible contacts. Thank you.

### Christmas Fayre

We will be doing a different format this year. On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st children will be able to visit the halls as a class to play games organised by Year 6 as they would normally have done at the Fayre.

Year groups will be making and creating to sell items just within their phase group.

Exact arrangements will be shared nearer the time in case operating guidelines change.

### PTA Lottery

Well done to this months winner number 297.

A lovely cheque for £117.71 is in the post to you!



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Dec	Jan
13th Year 6 party	6th Pupils return to school
14th Reception and Year 4 Christmas Parties	
15th Year 1, 2 and 5 Christmas Parties	<b>Feb</b>
16th Year 3 Christmas Party	18th Training day, school closed to pupils
17th Junior Christmas Carol Service	21st—25th Half term
22nd Break up 1pm—NO BUSES	