



Dear Parents,

THANK YOU

I have now returned from being ill and I just want to say a huge thank you to all of my colleagues who have kept the school going so well, and also to the ODST staff who stepped in to help.

COVID-19 AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

As you will have gathered, the current spike in Covid-19 infections is mostly affecting our older children. We are keeping the Voyagers and Falcons away from the younger children, and also keeping those two classes separate as much as possible. If the number of cases drop we can review it, but clearly this will have an impact on our planning for Christmas events.

All my colleagues and I are determined that all our children will have a lovely run-up to Christmas, with fun within their classes and in the wider school where possible.

Our two nativity plays (Hurricanes and Hercules on 7th and 8th, and Buccaneers on 10th December) will go ahead as planned unless we have a large spike in cases in these classes. We are limiting the number of tickets available for each performance so that we can have social distancing, and we are asking all audience members please to wear masks and not to come if they have any symptoms of Covid-19. The trips to Cogges Farm (Thursday 9th for Buccaneers and Year 1, and Friday 10th for Years 2 and 3) will also go ahead.

The large number of Covid-19 cases has meant that it has not been possible to rehearse for the Voyagers and Falcons concert, so I am really sorry that will not be going ahead. However, they are preparing for Young Voices on 10th January (if you haven't been practising at home, please do – www.youngvoices.com/music-room with the code YV2021) and their theatre trip to Pinocchio on Thursday 16th December will go ahead.

On Wednesday 15th December, the staff and children will share Christmas dinner together, either in the hall or (if we still have Covid cases) with some children in their classrooms. (Please note that it has been advertised as Tue 14th in the past). That is also the day the house captains have chosen as a Christmas-themed dressing-up day in aid of Ronald McDonald House in Oxford. This is a charity-run place for families to stay if they have a child sick in hospital; one of our families recently stayed there and has asked us to raise money for them, which the house captains have gladly agreed to do. Children should come to school in any Christmas-themed clothes they wish (fancy dress or just fun party clothes) and the house captains will lead a treasure hunt in the story garden for each class during the day.

In the last week of term all classes will be doing plenty of Design Technology (with Voyagers and Falcons doing cookery and Hurricanes and Hercules making toys; the Buccaneers, of course, will be doing plenty of Christmas-themed arts and crafts) and I can promise that we will all have a lovely Christmas.

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SCHOOL SWIMMING

Unfortunately, the RAF Brize Norton swimming pool has had to close so there will be no more swimming lessons for Years 4 and 5. We hope they will open in time for Years 2 and 3 to go after Christmas.

ST BRITIUS' CHRISTINGLE

We have a few spaces left at the Christingle Club 3-4.30 on Saturday 11th December at the school. We will follow that with a Christingle service in St Britius, starting about 4.45. Please see the attached booking form for details. Please contact me if you would like more information on 07799968408. I hope to see you there.

Gary (Long) Children's & Families' worker at St Britius' & St John's Churches.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Buccaneers: Getting ready for Christmas <https://brizeprimary.org/class/1>

Hurricanes: Busy Hurricanes and Snowy Fun <https://brizeprimary.org/class/2>

Hercules: Snowy Fun and History <https://brizeprimary.org/class/3>

Voyagers: Coldest day of the year and We the Curious <https://brizeprimary.org/class/4>

Falcons: We the Curious <https://brizeprimary.org/class/5>

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2021

Tues 7th Dec – Y1 – 3 Christmas production

Wed 8th Dec – Y1 – 3 Christmas production

Thurs 9th Dec – Buccaneers and Y1 trip to Cogges Farm; Governors' Performance and Learning committee

Fri 10th Dec – Y2 and Y3 trip to Cogges Farm; Buccaneers Nativity play

Wed 15th Dec – Christmas dinner

Thurs 16th Dec – Y4, 5 and 6 trip to Pinocchio at the North Wall Arts Centre

Fri 17th Dec – term ends 1.15pm