

Pilgrim Primary Academy

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Dear Parent /carers,

On this very last Newsletter of 2020, I am sure you will agree that this year has been like no other. Despite all the challenges that we have faced since March, I have to say how proud I am of the children. They have dealt with so many changes this year but they have done so well. They returned from lockdown in September with such fantastic attitudes and this has continued throughout the term. It has been wonderful to see them reconnect with their friends and enjoy learning at school once again.

Christmas Fun!

This week, the classes have been able to watch their friends and brothers and sisters in a variety of Christmas performances on screen including a KS2 Carol Concert and with Christmas Story readings, a KS1 Nativity and an EYFS Nativity too. These performances are available in the relative year group Google Classroom pages for you to see too. The children did a great job as did the staff who helped the children prepare for their time to shine!

Thank you for all who have come along after school to visit our Christmas craft stalls. Some of the profits have been used to support the children's Christmas Parties which took place this afternoon and I am pleased to say that Santa was able to find time in his busy schedule to pop in to visit each class, giving every child a small gift. I am sure the children will sleep well tonight...

Brian Pollard Competition

This week, we have had a special (socially distanced) prize-giving assembly to present prizes for our Brian Pollard art competition. There were 17 winners across school and a special mention has to go to our 2 winners, Alison and Macie. Prize winners received some signed, limited edition & framed artwork and everyone who took part has a Brian Pollard magnet. We would like to thank the artist, Brian Pollard, and Chris Warne from Kaya Gallery for their generous donations and support. We look forward to welcoming Brian into school in the future when restrictions are lifted so he can work alongside the children as planned.



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Positive Covid test result notifications

I would like to remind you that we still need to continue to monitor the children's health during the holidays and report any positive cases. This is to ensure the school can assist the test and trace process, to help to advise others to self-isolate if required. We are asking for your help to do this.

1. Before Christmas Day:

For the first 6 days only following the end of term on 18th December (up to and including Christmas Eve), we ask that if your child tests positive for Covid -19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school, that you please notify the school straight away on the designated email address or phone number below.

covidalert@ppsonline.org

07395010262

1. Christmas Day or after:

Should your child develop Covid-19 after Christmas Eve, please inform school using the above contact details during the weekend of 2nd and 3rd January, so that together we ensure that we are all ready to commence the new term on Tuesday 5th January, when the children return to school.

Well-being support during the holiday

Whilst the holidays are a happy time, for some holidays bring additional levels of stress and worry. I just wanted to remind you that our website is a useful source of information and contact details for organisations who can offer help. These can be found under our Well-being section here:

<https://www.pilgrimprimaryschool.co.uk/web/wellbeing/481515>

The pupil 'Worry Box' section is also there for pupils if they have a worry they want to share with a member of staff.

The Winter Grant Scheme - FSM eVoucher code queries

For families who have been entitled to vouchers as part of the Winter Grant Scheme, there are links below which you may find helpful if you have any problems with your FSM eVoucher code:

A contact page is provided: <https://www.select-your-reward.co.uk/ContactUs> and a telephone support telephone line: Tel: 0344 693 9901 which is open 8 AM-8 PM Monday-Saturday, 9 AM-6 PM Sunday. These links might also be useful:

[useful FAQs on the Hawk Select website](#)
[contact details for any technical support](#)

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Celebration Certificates

The following children have made us all very proud and have been awarded a certificate in our last assembly of this term:

	Star Learner Award w/c 07/12/2020
Cosy Cottage	Mason C
Year 1	River B / Roshika K
Year 2	Oscar B / Zoe C
Year 3	Abdulrahman A / Halen M
Year 4	Arshad S / Christina P
Year 5	Olivia W / Nurgul H
Year 6	Emily M / Danielis J / Lucas S-J

Dates for your diary:

04/01/2021 – Non pupil day
05/01/2021 – Return to School
15/02/2021 – 19/02/21 – Half Term
01/04/2021 – Non pupil day
02/04/2021 – Bank Holiday
05/04/2021 – Bank Holiday
06/04/2021 – 16/04/2021 Easter Holiday
19/04/2021 – Return to School



So, finally I would like to recognise the commitment of all the staff here at Pilgrim this year. Every member of staff has gone 'above and beyond' in their support of the children and in keeping the school running as smoothly as possible through very difficult times. I feel very lucky to work alongside such dedicated staff who want nothing but the best for your children.

Thanks to all of you parents and carers too, who have been incredibly supportive and understanding of all the changes that have had to take place this year. What a great community to be part of!

Have a peaceful and happy holiday everyone - see you next year when I hope we see a return to more familiar times.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lisa Meek