



It was such a shame for all of us that in the end we had to close the school for most of the last week. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers for having to adapt so quickly to the situation we were in. We know that the children will have been disappointed not to be able to take part in the usual festivities, but are pleased that many have been able to join in with their teachers for online meets.

On Wednesday 12th January we are planning a 'Christmas Celebration Day' and everyone can wear their Christmas jumpers to school. We have all been so disappointed that we haven't been able to celebrate in our usual way at the end of this term. Staff are planning Christmas themed activities which will include lantern making as so many children missed making these at the end of term. At the end of the day we would like to invite all parents in at 2.45pm for carols by candlelight in the school playground. This will very much depend on the guidance at the time.

The school is in the process of having a thorough deep clean and the staff that are well and not having to isolate have been in to get the classrooms ready for January. Finishing term early means that we did not get to say a proper goodbye to Miss Foote, but we all hope she gets on well in her new school next term. We are looking forward to welcoming new staff across our school. We are pleased to inform you that Kathryn Dillon has been appointed to teach in Swallows and will start in February. For the first few weeks of term Swallows will be taught by Mrs Humphries (who the children know), Mrs Patton and Mrs Hunter who is joining us from Croscombe school. Ms Stafford will be reducing her hours next term and Mrs Fletcher (who the children know) will be teaching on a Thursday and Friday in Starling Class.

Next term swimming lessons will continue for Goldfinches, but it will be Starlings joining them for Terms 3 and 4. Swimming will continue on Thursdays, starting on the first day back in January. Please can children in those two classes remember their swimming kits (trunks or costumes and towel - something to tie long hair back with). There is a letter attached with further details.

All the staff at the school would like to wish you a very 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'. We hope you get to enjoy the break and remain safe and healthy. A huge thank you as always to all of you for the support you give us as a school and also to your children who have been so well-behaved and hard-working through the Autumn term. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Mrs Phillips

Notices

- **Clubs** - there are some new clubs next term as well as some old favourites; please see the attached letter.
- **Flu Inoculations** - these are booked in for Friday 7th January. Attached to this email is the online consent form for you to complete for your child.
- **Nativity Performance Recording** - the recording that was taken this Monday will be shared with parents of children in Kingfishers and Starlings via YouTube.
- **Parent Questionnaires** - please can you complete these when you have time and bring them into school. There is a box in the foyer, with an extended deadline of Friday 14th January. If you would like a paper copy, then we have many of these in the school office.