



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

Well here we are at the end of the first term of this academic year, it has certainly been an interesting one for us all. It has been a whole school community effort for which I am very appreciative – I would like to thank the children for continuing to work within their bubbles, the staff for keeping the school running effectively with additional duties to ensure that we can keep our bubbles apart from each other, the governors for their support and to the parents for working so amazingly with us to ensure that our community remains safe – I know that this is not always easy as guidelines keep changing and decisions are needed to be made but we can only maintain our school by working together.

This week started with the Christmas Experience organised by the church, which was a wonderful visit for each of the classes to reflect and enjoy. It was great to see the children engaging with the Christmas Story and responding to various questions. Thank you to Mrs Bodham-Whetham, Mrs Varnom and Mrs Pratley for leading the various groups and giving up their time.

Yesterday, was a very busy day with Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunch and the pantomime 'National Elf Service' (thank you FODS) – it was a day of colour and laughter which I think is something we all need at this time. I think my 'turkey' hat added just that little bit extra!

Bringing us back slightly to my letter last week, I have taken the text below from the guidance for the first part of the holiday with regards to any positive cases – please email the school office if this happens. Thank you.

- *Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test & Trace who will send a text, email alert, or call with instructions on how to share details of people who have had close, recent contact.*
- *Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contacts during the holidays schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.*
- *If a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising that they self-isolate. This is as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.*

Finally, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – please keep yourselves safe and those around you. I look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 5th January from 8:30am – please remember to socially distance at the gate or if this is not possible, please wear a mask.

Mr. Leigh

**Our Christian Value for
this half term is:**

Co-operation

We will be thinking this term
about the secret of good
cooperation and how we can
work together.

**“Christ is like a single body,
which has many parts; it is
still one body, even though it
is made up of different parts.”**

1 Corinthians 12:12

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Spring Term starts

