

16 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are - the final week of Autumn Term and what a term it has been. We have readjusted to new ways of learning and new ways of academy life - and it all still feels very strange but we've had a lot of fun too. All of our staff are looking forward to the most well deserved of breaks over Christmas, and I couldn't feel more proud to be leading this team of superheroes who give all that they have to your children every single day. I wish you, and them, a very restful break over the next two weeks.

Just a few items for your information as we close the academy for the term:

COVID updates

The children will leave the academy on Thursday afternoon. We hope that this will be to enjoy a happy and healthy break, but we are aware that the virus is still at large in our community so we ask that you follow this information carefully. If your child develops symptoms in the days following the end of term, please make a note of the date and time of their first symptom - this is how we can track and trace contacts. We will be asked to track and trace contacts for 48 hours before the first symptom so it is important that we know this date. In theory, if your child develops a symptom after 3.30pm on Saturday 19th December, this should not affect anyone else from school unless you have had contact with anyone outside of the academy. You do not need to let us know about any symptoms that your child might have. Please just get them tested as per the government advice. You only need to let us know about a positive result if the first symptom was before Saturday at 3:30pm. This is the only period which will impact on other children and staff having to isolate. I realise that this is a lot of information to digest so please do take time to read and reread this carefully. If you need to let me know about a positive case for which the first symptom was on or before 3.30pm on Saturday 19th December, please email me directly on covid@oasismarksburyroad.org

Food Bank Collection

It has been overwhelming to see the generosity of our families this week as we have collected for the local Foodbank. Elaine, Idris' Mum has very kindly taken all of our donations there this week. We are so grateful to you for supporting us in helping our community at this very poignant time. The contributions have been so generous and it's humbling to see what we can do when we all work together. Please don't send any more food bank donations in tomorrow.

Carol Concerts

It was absolutely wonderful to have all of the children together again yesterday for our socially distanced outdoor carol concerts. R and KS1 performed to KS2 and then KS2 performed to R and KS1 in a festive extravaganza! It was so beautiful and I know you would have all loved it. Mr Arnold did a super job of recording it and we will be pushing this out to your child's teams channel on their iPad. This means that you can enjoy it together at home as a family. Please do not share this in social media as we have a number of children who for various reasons cannot be published on social media and given the nature of the event, it includes all of our children. Please enjoy it as much as we did!

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Study Guides

Study guides for Spring 1 for Years 1 - 5 will be going live on our website by the end of the first week back - please take an opportunity over the holidays to encourage your children to use the [year group pages](#) which contain lots of great information. This is a great way to encourage independence in learning as we move through the year.

Fundraising

We've recently collected money for both Children in Need and Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day). We're delighted to let you know that we have been able to donate a whopping £423.29 to Children in Need and £207.27 to Save the Children. As always, we can't thank you enough for your help in supporting these children's charities which are so close to our hearts.

Thank you

I know we have said this already - but a huge thank you again for all of the gifts and cards and messages that we have received as a staff – it's never expected, never necessary, but always so appreciated.

Wishing you the happiest of Christmas breaks with your families!

Stay safe and take care of each other.

Yours

Clare