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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank You

As we reach the end of a long and busy term, I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support. I think the children are exhausted after working so hard and everyone is in need of some rest and relaxation! We have been delighted with everything the children have achieved since September and there have been so many magic moments through the term.

As a school community, we have once again pulled together in times of uncertainty and challenge. I know the last couple of weeks have been difficult for some families with the additional worry of illness and isolation, and I hope that everyone remains safe and well over the festive period. As always, I am so grateful to our wonderful staff team who continue to amaze me with the high levels of commitment, professionalism and determination that they show in all they do in our school. Thank you to everyone!

After School Clubs

Our staff-led clubs have finished this week and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for giving up their time to run these enrichment opportunities for the children. Most clubs have been well-attended but we have noticed numbers dipping a little as the term has gone on. When staff are giving up their time to offer extra-curricular provision, we do expect the children to show the same level of commitment; this is something we plan to look at next term when we are allocating club places, so please encourage your child to stick with their choice of club.

Gymnastics and football clubs will be running next week; please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school for these final sessions.

The system for booking next half term's after school clubs is now live and will close at **10.00 am on Thursday, 6th January 2022**. Clubs will start during the first full week in January (week beginning 10th January 2022). If your child wishes to take part in any of the clubs on offer with Progressive Sports, The Andrew Curphey Theatre Company and the staff team, please book promptly to avoid disappointment. Please remember to book the sessions in the clubs section of the app, then sign the consent in the payments section. The clubs on offer are as follows:

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	CLUB LEADERS
Monday	Archery	Y3 and Y4	Progressive Sports
	SATs Revision	Y6	Mrs Eley, Mrs Jackson and Mr Harley
Wednesday	Dodgeball	Y5 and Y6	Progressive Sports
	Arts & Crafts	Y3 and Y4	Mrs Bennett
Thursday	Construction	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Mrs Power and Mrs Draper
Friday	Dance	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Andrew Curphey Theatre Company



Personal Development Strengths

This week's personal development strength is **ambition**. We have encouraged the children to *dream big* and *aim high* in what they hope to achieve in life. Well done to the following children who have shown a commitment to achieving their potential:



STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Jessica: for trying her best in phonics
Year 1	Alanna: for trying hard with her writing
Year 2	Hugo: for being an ambitious learner in phonics
Year 3	Marley: for being an ambitious learner, especially in English
Year 4	Lexi: for being an ambitious learner, especially in science
Year 5	Emily: for always looking for ways to challenge herself
Year 6	Alex P: for being an ambitious and aspirational member of Class 4

Christmas Events

Please note the following arrangements for the end of the term:

- 🎄 On **Monday, 20th December**, all children are asked to come into school in their special clothes for our **Christmas party**. Staff will organise an afternoon of festive fun for each bubble.
- 🎄 Filming is almost complete for this year's virtual **Christmas 'Performance'**. It will be available for you to watch next week and we will notify you when it is ready for broadcasting.
- 🎄 The school will close for the Christmas break at the usual time on **Wednesday, 22nd December**.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Vinny	Melissa	Kaiden	Isaac

Start of the New School Term

After the Christmas break, the staff will be completing a training day on Wednesday, 5th January. School will re-open on **Thursday, 6th January 2022** and I look forward to seeing you all again next year. We are anticipating that the school will be running as expected as soon as the children return; if anything changes between now and then, we will be in touch before the start of the spring term.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Christmas; I hope the coming year brings peace and good health to you and your families. Stay safe 😊.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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