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Christmas greetings

On behalf of all the staff at Iron Acton, I would like to wish all of our families a very happy Christmas and a restful break. Thank you all for your support over the past term – it has been a pleasure to work in partnership with you all. In this part of the newsletter, there are several Christmas related announcements.

Christmas gifts

Whilst the staff are incredibly grateful for the kind gifts received from school families, we would like to make it very clear that nobody should feel under any pressure to give gifts whatsoever.

Christmas card post box

The post box will be available tomorrow morning for a final opportunity for children to post cards if you choose for them to do so. The box is just inside the brown door to the main building on the playground. All cards will be sorted and distributed by our Year 5/6 children on Friday. Thank you to Finley and Oliver who did a superb job of this last Friday.

Christmas parties

All classes will have a Christmas party this Wednesday afternoon. Children may bring a change of clothes in a bag, into which they can change after lunch.

Christmas clothing

On Friday, we will be allowing children to wear an item of festive clothing to school. This is often in the form of a Christmas jumper, but we recognise that you may not wish to purchase a jumper especially for this. Please visit the Friends Facebook page if you would like to get involved in a Christmas jumper swap.

Children may also wear something festive in their hair (e.g. tinsel) for this final week. Thank you for supporting the school by holding off until the final week for this.

Other events

We have been able to celebrate several events over the last week or so with some amendments. Thank you to Mrs Wilding and Mrs Bidwell for the wonderful Christmas lunch last week. We also celebrated with a Christingle service at church last Friday which was a very special event. Thank you to all those who were able to support the Christmas shoebox appeal for Bristol's homeless – we were able to donate a good number of boxes. Please take a look at the news section of our website through the week.

<https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/category/news/>



Next term Covid arrangements

We would like to confirm that all of our current Covid related arrangements will continue next term. Thank you for supporting the Local Authority's most recent guidance by wearing a face covering at pick up and drop off. Our one way system around the outside of the building will also continue. Children will remain in their 3 separate bubbles.

This term, we began to hold some live assemblies (also known as collective worship) with Barn Owls and Falcons in the hall whilst using Microsoft Teams to involve Buzzards and Golden Eagles. This worked well and will continue at least once per week.

Courage to Care

You may have noticed that our headed paper has been updated to show our vision summary: courage to care, and our school values: listening, welcoming, nurturing and celebrating. Thank you to those of you who provided feedback on these earlier in the year; we discussed these and made amendments where necessary. In some cases we felt suggestions were already included within the words we have chosen.

Each Friday, as part of our celebration collective worship, one child who has demonstrated a caring approach in some way will be chosen to receive a 'Courage to Care' certificate. Our first 2 children to be chosen are:

- Theo (Year 6) for going above and beyond to support an injured friend at lunchtime
- George (Year 6) for consistently demonstrating a caring attitude towards all school work and towards others when playing football

Church carol service

All are invited to attend this virtual carol service, organised by the team at St James' Church in Iron Acton:



CAROLS IN THE BARN

Don't let Coronavirus rob us of Christmas

JOIN IN ON-LINE
with your mulled wine and mince pies

from 3pm

Sunday 20th December

www.fromsidechurches.org.uk
www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

Logos: South Gloucestershire, The National Lottery, Winterbourne Medieval Barn



PE kits

Children in Years 1 – 6 must wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. These will be notified to you by text before the end of this week. Children must wear a school PE kit with a school jumper over the top. This consists of a red or white t-shirt with black or blue jogging bottoms and trainers. In order to maintain high standards of dress throughout the school day, children must not wear a sports kit, which is not part of school uniform nor a t-shirt with pictures or writing over it. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates for your diary

Nativity and carol service

Both of these services are almost ready to share with you. As soon as they are ready, you will receive a text to prompt you to log on to Google Classrooms to watch. Thank you to all of our staff who have helped the children to prepare for these events. Thank you to all Barn Owls and Falcons families who have supported with Nativity costumes and learning lines.

Event	Date and time	Information
Class Christmas parties	16.12.20, pm	Children may bring a change of clothes into school to change into at lunchtime.
Christmas jumper day	18.12.20	See Friends Facebook page if you would like to know more about swapping Christmas jumpers.
Final day of Term 2	18.12.20, 3.15pm	
Church carol services	20.12.20, 3.00pm	See above note about carols in the barn.
Church crib service	24.12.20, 4.00pm	All are welcome to attend this special event on Christmas Eve.
First day of Term 3	04.01.20, 8.55am	

Please note: these dates may be changed or cancelled if necessary. We will try to provide as much notice as possible if this is the case.

