



Newsletter - December 2020

Headteacher's Update

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our parents and families for your support across this last term. In September when we reopened, we had no idea what this term might bring, other than it would be very different. We have all had to adapt to different ways of working under the restrictions placed on us, and your kindness and patience has been so appreciated.

I would also like to thank all of our staff for their hard work this term. All of the adults in the school have worked so hard to do their best for the children, and I know they will continue to do so in the new year.

Your children constantly amaze me with how thoughtful, respectful and resilient they are, and they have continued to make us all proud. They have come back to school with their usual enthusiasm and excitement for learning, and kept us smiling. Well done, everyone!

Together, we have managed to keep our school fully open for all of this term for all of our classes. I would like to thank everyone for following the guidelines we've been given to help this happen so far. Whilst this may not be the case forever, we have managed to give the children the most consistent start to the year that we can. Thank you all for your co-operation in this.

I hope that you all have a wonderful, safe Christmas, and a happy new year. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2021!

Return to School in January

You may have seen in the news that secondary schools have been asked to close some classes and provide home learning in the first week of the school term in January. In primary schools, we are expecting to open as normal. Monday 4th January is a non pupil day, but we expect to welcome the children back on **Tuesday 5th January 2021** as planned.

We are expecting everything to run as it is at the moment, but if any different advice is released from the DfE, which we know can be quite last minute, we will let parents know as soon as possible.

Test and Trace over the Holiday

You may already be aware that schools will still be expected to notify parents and staff if there is a positive case that would usually result in self-isolation over the holiday.

If your child tests positive for Covid 19, and their symptoms started before Monday 21st January, we will need you to contact us to let us know. Please use the office@monkwickjunior.school e-mail address to notify us, including the evidence of the positive test. We will check this first thing each morning, up to 24th December. Any symptoms developed on or after Monday will not need to be reported to us, as this is beyond the test and trace window.



Goodbyes

We will also be saying goodbye to some members of staff today.

Miss Rolfe will be moving to Texas in the USA to complete a Masters degree, and Mr Parry is moving to work in the secondary education sector. Mrs Bennett is retiring after 18 years at our school. Mrs Mannevy will be moving to work in care.

We thank all of these staff for their hard work while they have been with us, and wish them the very best for the future.

Upcoming Dates

4th January 2021 – Non Pupil Day

5th January 2021 – Children Return to School