



St Thomas

Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

We are now at the end of a long Autumn Term in St. Thomas'. The Autumn Term is always such a busy period with children settling in to their new classrooms, welcoming new faces, along with all the hustle and bustle of the many celebrations and events. Whilst in many ways we have been able to return to some normality, with the return of trips, clubs and no more class bubbles, it is very clear that the coronavirus is still with us. This has been particularly evident over the past few weeks with the various challenges we have faced. As you are aware, there have been several confirmed COVID-19 cases across the school. Public Health England advises all contacts to take a daily lateral flow test for seven days and we would recommend that all children age 5 or above do this.

Although this has been a challenging few weeks, we have continued with our planned curriculum, whilst also providing lots of fun experiences for all the children with our Santa dash, Christmas crafts, Christmas shop / fair, carols and our breakfast with Santa to name a few! They say it takes a community to raise a child and nothing pulls the community together more than a production. Whilst it was lovely to be able to welcome a small audience to our various nativities, it was also very strange to not be able to welcome our wider school community of grandparents, volunteers, members of the church and governors. We really look forward to a time when we can open our doors and welcome everyone in once again.

As we approach the end of 2021, we may once again look back on another eventful year. Once again, the children were amazing with the way they all engaged with their remote learning at the start of the year, all the while supported by their parents from home. Once the children returned, they all demonstrated fantastic resilience with the way they adapted back to school life. Despite all the ongoing challenges, I am always so proud with how our school community continues to respond and the support given to the school.

Today was Mrs. Shaw's final day at St. Thomas' after seven and half fantastic years. During this time, Mrs. Shaw has trained and qualified as a teacher, got married and become a mum. She is a much-loved member of our team who always brings a big smile to our faces and fills the school with so much laughter. We hope Mrs. Shaw enjoys spending more time with her daughter Alice and we wish her the very best of luck for the future.

As the school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest over the Christmas period, I am sure that you will join me in thanking all the amazing staff that make up our St. Thomas' Team for their tremendous hard work and commitment to the children of the school. Our dedicated team put so much into making St. Thomas' the outstanding and thriving school it is and providing the best education for the children especially during these challenging circumstances. We return after the holidays on Wednesday 5th January at 8.50am. On behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Thomas', we would like to wish you and your family a merry but also peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Ward
Headteacher

