

17th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it: together! Thank you all for your support, kind words, cards and gifts given to the wonderful team here at EBPS all of which are greatly appreciated. This has been a difficult term and I know that everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved rest and break over the two-week holiday. It has been lovely to have a fun-filled, safe end of term Christmas week with our pantomime, Christmas carols, party day and the traditional Christmas dinner. Today the Bartonian assemblies were all a delight, it is fantastic to be able to share and celebrate children's achievements and hear the wonderful reasons why they were chosen.

A short newsletter, but a couple of important points to note:

Covid

With covid cases nationally rising (although in-school cases have been generally stable, except in one class), we are not sure what measures the Government may announce in January.

As a school, we have discussed possible contingency plans today but will obviously need to wait until nearer the time before finalising anything. Three things are we would like you to do:

1. Please complete a Lateral Flow Test on your child the morning of Wednesday 5th January 2022 before sending them back to school (the newer kits are nasal swabs only and painless to administer). These are available from pharmacies and online [here](#).
2. If you would like to report any results of covid tests over the holiday, please email covidresults@eb-pri.northants.sch.uk so I can keep an eye on any cases and plan ahead
3. Check your ParentMail on Tuesday 4th January (the teacher training day) for any updates / changes

Homework

As you know, we will be reviewing our homework policy in the new year. Today children will all bring home an exercise book so that future homework can be completed and stored in one place so the children stay organised and can be proud of their work. Please keep this safe and await further details in January.

Reading

The children need a break from schoolwork over the holidays but I would urge you to keep up their reading! Try and read together as often as possible over the holidays, enjoy snuggling up with stories on these dark winter evenings. From Reception to Year Six, children love being read to and heard read so please make time for this vital task!

Thank you for making me feel so welcome during the autumn term. I look forward to your continued support and engagement with school life in January and beyond! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

See you back in school on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 8:45am!

With very best wishes,
Miss Lally

Letters sent home this week

Film permission required (Y5 only)

Covid message from Miss Lally

Y6 Residential trip payment letter (Y6 trip attendees only)

Talking to your child guide

Attachments

EBPS term 2 Roundup

NMPAT strings lessons flyer