

# School News

**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

**Friday 10th December 2021**

*Dear Families,*

*Christmas is very nearly upon us! It has been lovely to see so many of you this week as our 'Crafty Christmas' events have got underway. I look forward to seeing the rest of our families next week for Reception, Year 4 and Year 5's events. Our children have represented school wonderfully during educational visits over the last fortnight, including Year 3's visit to Sarehole Mill and Reception's visit to The Museum of Cannock Chase. Year 4, 5 and 6 members of Choir were also due to perform to Sainsbury's shoppers this afternoon, raising funds for school. A big thank you to the Friends of the School who have given up much of their spare time over recent weeks to support school with everything 'Christmassy' - your help has been very much appreciated. Congratulations also to Jermain in Reception who was highly commended in the MP's Christmas card competition and was due to receive a prize today.*

*If I don't get to speak to you all in person before we break up next Friday (17th), then I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We have had a small number of positive or suspected COVID cases across school so please remain vigilant for symptoms and obtain a PCR test for anyone displaying symptoms. Should any pupils test positive for COVID over the break, please inform school by email and follow isolation guidelines. If any families are going on holiday abroad, then please follow national guidelines on your return regarding PCR testing, and keep school informed if this affects your school return. We look forward to hearing about your festive adventures, and seeing you all on Tuesday 4th January!*

*Mrs Highman*

## What a wonderful wintery world!



**Left:** Year 3's visit to Sarehole Mill. **Right and below:** Reception's visit to the Museum of Cannock Chase (and the realisation the elf had joined them!) **Bottom left:** Children enjoying their Christmas dinner. **Bottom right:** Year 6 Pupils celebrating Christmas Jumper Day.



## 2021-2022 KEY DATES

Monday 13th December 9.15am-10.15am —Year 4 'A Crafty Christmas'

Tuesday 14th December 9.15am-10.15am—Year 5 'A Crafty Christmas'

Tuesday 14th December 2pm-3pm—Reception 'A Crafty Christmas'

Wednesday 15th December—Elf Day (pupils to wear something green/red/elf-related)

Thursday 16th December—Nursery Christmas Party (all nursery) 8.45am-11.45am. Nursery closes at 11.45am for Christmas holiday (Nursery will be closed on Friday 17th December)

Friday 17th December—Christmas Party Day Years R-6—children to wear own party clothes and bring a small plate of party snacks for their own consumption after lunch

Friday 17th December—school closes at 3.15pm for Christmas holidays for R-Year 6

Christmas holidays: Monday 20th December—Monday 3rd January

Term time Tuesday 4th January 2022—Friday 18th February 2022

Friday 7th Jan—Year 2 and Year 3 thematic launch days (letters to follow)

Monday 10th January—Year 2 and Year 6 boosters begin

Wednesday 13th & Friday 15th January—Soccer 2000 extra curricular clubs begin

Tuesday 11th January—Headstart sessions begin for Year 6

Tuesday 11th January—School nurse in for Reception height & weight checks

Saturday 15th January—Deadline for application for Reception place

Half term: Monday 21st February 2022 –Friday 25th February 2022

Monday 7th March/Monday 14th March—Year 4 bikeability (letter to follow)

Friday 1st April—extra curricular clubs finish

Term time: Monday 28th February 2022—Friday 8th April 2022

Friday 18th March—INSET Day—School closed to children

Easter holidays: Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April

Term time: Monday 25th April 2022—Friday 27th May 2022

Half term Monday 30th May 2022—Friday 3rd June 2022

Monday 6th June 2022 - School closed to children

Term time: Tuesday 7th June 2022—Friday 22nd July 2022

Friday 1st July—INSET Day—School closed to children

## COVID guidance

Adults and children should self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test (a test that is sent to the lab) on GOV.UK as soon as possible if they have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate for 10 days if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive and you are over 18 and not fully vaccinated

If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, children (under 18 years and 6 months) and adults who are fully vaccinated (this means that two weeks have passed since receiving the second dose of a Covid-19 vaccine) no longer need to self-isolate. Instead, close contacts of a positive case should:

- get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19