

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are quickly approaching the end of the Autumn Term and we are really starting to feel the festive spirit here at Two Mile Ash. Our Christmas trees are all up and the school looks lovely with our Christmas lights and decorations. We have a range of activities that will be taking place across these final two weeks which we are all very much looking forward to.



**CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES!**

**Friday 11th December**

**Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.**

Turn up in your best Christmas Jumper,  
Christmas Colours or mufti!

donations to  
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080>

**Tuesday 15th December**

**Panto Day! All children will watch panto in school**

Come dressed in comfy clothes. From your favourite hoodie to your snuggest onsie. You can also bring a small treat to eat whilst watching the panto- reminder, please refrain from bringing in anything containing nuts. Nothing can be shared.

We are asking for donations of £1 towards the cost of the panto. It is a professional company we have bought 'tickets' for. Children can bring £1 in on the day and place in the class bucket!

**Friday 18th December**

**Last Day of term and CHRSTMAS PARTY DAY.**

Mufti day/ party wear. Bring your own party food  
(no sharing and refrain from nuts!) Bring table decorations to create the fanciest Christmas table ever!

As we approach the end of this half term, we sadly say goodbye to some members of staff. Mr O'Grady, our Head of PE, will be leaving to take on the new challenge of becoming a secondary school PE teacher. We wish Jamie all the best for the future and thank him for his dedication and commitment to sports here at TMA. In addition, Miss Mordecai will be leaving at the end of the term as she is relocating away from Milton Keynes. Naomi has been a highly valued member of the Year 4 team and we wish her all the very best in her new teaching post.

I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce Mr Jake Saville who will be taking on the Head of PE role from January. As an experienced Head of PE, we look forward to welcoming him into the TMA team. In addition, Mrs Emilia Busz Vunnava will be joining the Year 4 team from January teaching Miss Mordecai's class. She is very excited to meet the children next week in preparation for the Spring Term.

I also have some very exciting news to share! Mrs Jackson and her husband welcomed their little bundle of joy – Freya Lucy Jackson – into the world on Saturday! Both mother and baby are doing really well and we look forward to baby cuddles in the future!

Thank you all for your continued support and adherence to our health and safety measures which we have put in place across this term to minimise the risk to our pupils, staff and families due to Covid. Thank you to those of you who have followed procedures and quickly informed us of suspected and positive cases ensuring that we can protect everyone in the community and take swift action to minimise the spread. Even though the National lockdown has finished, Milton Keynes is still a high tier area. With this in mind, and as we approach the Christmas time holiday period, I encourage everyone to continue to adhere robustly to the current Government guidelines with regard to Covid safety.

**We must continue our efforts and work together to try and prevent a class of children and the staff within it, being required to isolate over Christmas time. Any positive case or possible contact with a positive case after 11<sup>th</sup> December means that children or family members will be required to isolate over the school holiday, including Christmas Day. This would result in no mixing with family or friends or leaving to go out to the shops or other venues. Please help us to ensure that the whole TMA community can enjoy a break with family over the holiday period by supporting us all with being extra vigilant with safety and hygiene precautions and adhering to all government rules. Please can I ask that all parents and carers continue to wear a face mask or shield at drop off and collection time and that you continue to socially distance from others outside school. If your child or any member of your family has any Covid-19 symptoms, it is important you self-isolate at home and your child does not come into school.**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**Thank you for your continued support,**

*Lucy Eldridge*

**Head of Two Mile Ash School**