



# WINTER

## 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

*Nurturing each and all. Guiding, Trusting, Inspiring and Celebrating*

Dear Families,

Happy Christmas!

This last term has been incredibly busy in school and we have managed to mark and support all the usual events this term as a whole school community. All the children worked incredibly hard learning lines and songs for their plays and each performance was a joy to watch. Performances are now on Google Classroom, so please enjoy with your families – your children were amazing. Unfortunately, due to the licencing restrictions, the performances will only be available to view for a week.

On Wednesday, we all sat down to Christmas lunch and, in the afternoon, each class held their own party. Great fun was had by all. Christmas cards have been made and festivities are well and truly under way.

Thank you for your generous gifts and festive wishes. I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on January 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Staffing

Mrs Rachael Soul has decided to step back from her teaching role in Lovell class from the end of this term to pursue new ventures. However, we are very pleased that she will not be completely leaving us, and that she will be continuing in her role as the school SENDCO, and remaining part of our school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Soul enormously for the commitment and expertise that she has brought to Lovell class, and the school, over the last four years and we wish her well in her new pursuits and adventures.

Mrs Claire Bedford will become the full-time class teacher in Lovell from January 2022.

We are also delighted to have appointed a new Year 1 teacher, Mrs Katherine Osborne, who will teach Dovecote Class with Mrs McConville from January.

I would like to thank Mrs Harvey for her outstanding efforts in covering the Thursdays and Fridays in Dovecote. She has enabled the class to have the continuity and stability they deserved. The class is very lucky to have such experienced teachers, who have formed such an effective and productive partnership over the years. Mrs Harvey will continue to work full-time in Dovecote alongside Mrs McConville and Mrs Osborne.

**Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom**

## Forest School

Sadly, Mandy Warwick is retiring and we have struggled to find a replacement Forest School leader. Therefore, we will be unable to offer Forest School in the Spring term. If you know of anybody, or are interested yourself in training to be a leader, please do let us know as this has been such a great addition to our school curriculum.

## Year 5/6 Football Match Report from Mr Smith

On 6<sup>th</sup> December, a team of Year 5 & 6 travelled away to Wychwood Primary School on a very cold and wet afternoon. For many, it was their first experience of competitive football on a fast astro turf pitch.

The afternoon was fantastic. The team never gave up putting in 100% effort, determination and resilience against a strong Wychwood team.

Each and every player should be proud of themselves and represented St Kenelm's magnificently showing great sportsmanship, as well as displaying their usual good manners.

It was a fantastic experience for all those who took part, with each player eager to know when the next match would be! Many thanks to our hosts; Wychwood Primary School, and to OPH Taxis who very kindly transported us to the venue, making this event possible.



## FUNDRAISING

An enormous thank you to everyone who purchased poppy merchandise back in November. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £317.43 towards the appeal.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we supported Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for coming to school in non-uniform - we raised £136.70.

## WINTER WEATHER ❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️

Just to remind you that should we have heavy snowfall and need to close the school, we will send you a text alert. We will always try to open the school, but safety is paramount.

## NEWSPAPER CLUB

Newspaper Club have been incredibly busy this term, and their first publication is hot off the press. Each class has a copy and you can view the *Kenelm's Chronicle* on the *Home* tab under *Newsletters* on the website.



On behalf of myself and all the staff, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes,