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# <u>Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together</u> 17/12/2021

# Merry Christmas and Happy New year

Thank you all for your continued support this term and into the Christmas break. I hope you all have a healthy, safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Much is still uncertain because of Covid and the Omicron variant. I am fully expecting to open as normal on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January for all pupils but we are preparing for any eventuality. What is certain is that the school will continue to support you and our community with learning and wellbeing however we can.

If you need support, please ask.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# **Christmas Carols and Nativity**

Thank you to the staff who worked so hard to film the Nativity performance and prepare the children to sing our carols at the end of the day on Tuesday – the children really enjoyed the experience.



#### Chromebooks

The Trust and school have provided

Chromebooks to any families who need them for a possible return to remote learning. Whilst I do not expect this to happen, it is best to be prepared for all eventualities.



# **Christmas Hampers from St Bridget's Church**

This week we received a generous donation of Christmas hampers for nominated families who we felt would benefit. Our strong links with the community and Church continue to provide for all our pupils.

## **Christmas Tree Decorations**

The children have now placed their decorations on the Christmas Tree in the village. Please do go along and take a look. Thank you to FoBS for providing the wooden disks.

#### **Forest School**

We have continued our Forest School lessons which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We recently had several Ash trees felled which were diseased or otherwise unsafe. We are looking for support from the community to mill one of the

trunks into planks to provide a workbench in the forest school area. If you, or anyone you know, could support us with this – please get in contact.

#### Mrs Lee-Hillan

Today we say thank you and good luck to Mrs Lee-Hillan who is starting a new role as a Community Enabler in the new year. Mrs Lee-Hillan has been a long-standing member of staff who has supported numerous children with their academic, social and emotional journey over the years. We will miss Mrs Lee-Hillan but wish her well with her new career.

## **Mrs Butler**

Mrs Butler will be reducing her hours to one day per week in the new year at her request. Mrs Butler will still be a key member of our staff and work with those most in need of extra support.

#### **TA recruitment**

We have actively sought new teaching assistants for the new year and have been successful in offering the position to a candidate. Once contractual issues are completed, we will be able to announce our new, full time, member of staff.

## Respect, Ambition and Flourish Awards 10/12/21:

Megan - Flourishing as a learner

Lily - shown Ambition in her recent assessments

Izzy - Flourished in her artwork - creating a fantastic lever card and supporting others in class to do the same

Myla - for dedication in all subjects and flourishing learning

# **Website and Blog**

Don't forget to check the classes blog on our new website at <u>BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon</u> (<u>bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk</u>)

# <u>Dates</u> January 2022

5<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return

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**Whole School Attendance** 

95.6%