

16th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term Letter

As we come to the end of this extraordinary term, I would like to thank you sincerely for supporting school through such a tough time. Your patience, positivity and consideration have helped us to keep the school as safe as possible. Like almost every school in the country, we have had to close bubbles and while this was far from ideal, we worked hard to support any family who needed it by providing lunches, laptops and internet access. During those closures, you played your part fantastically by supporting your child in getting onto Class Dojo and accessing the work sent by the class teachers and support staff. As a strong school community, we were able to continue educating our pupils while they isolated. I hope that we have now seen the last of the bubble closures and we can enjoy uninterrupted spring and summer terms.

Thunberg and Malala Classes

On January 4th, Miss Vann will return from her maternity leave and move into Thunberg class (as previously mentioned in the start of term letter). She is excited to be back and has already been in school several times, planning for her return.

Mr Auty has sadly come to the end of his temporary contract and will be leaving us on Friday. While he has only been with the school a short time, he has made a hugely positive impact on the year 4 pupils, helping them to settle into the new routines and quickly establishing strong relationships which have supported them in learning and behaving well. We wish Mr Auty the very best of luck in the next chapter of his career.

From January, Miss Daker will be teaching Malala Class full time.

Building Work

As many of you will know, Woodside Green is a very large building with many classrooms. At the moment, all the classes are very spread out around school with quite a distance between them. Our aim is to bring all our classes to one side of school in order to create a better sense of school community. When the children arrive back in January, the year 4 and 5 classes will have moved upstairs next to the year 6 classroom, bringing KS2 together. Shortly after this, the two mixed classes in KS1 (Seacole and Simmonds) will move into the classrooms vacated by year 4 and 5.



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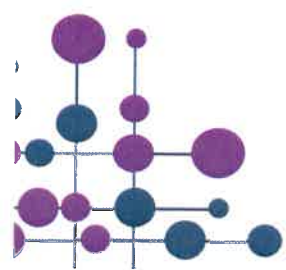
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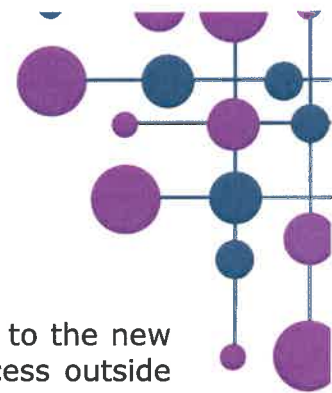


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Finally, we are creating a bespoke space for EYFS in the classrooms next to the new KS1 rooms. They will also have a fenced-off outdoor area with direct access outside from the classroom, ensuring that a free-flow of indoor and outdoor activities is possible. A little building work is needed to prepare this space, so the EYFS class will move a little later in January.

In terms of drop-off and collection points, nothing will change for the time being. KS1 and EYFS will still enter and exit via the gate on Winget Avenue. KS2 will still use the Main Avenue gate.

However you spend the next few weeks, whether celebrating Christmas or spending quality time with the family, I hope you stay healthy and enjoy a happy and peaceful break.

Your sincerely

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