

# Autumn Term Friday 17th December

**Term Dates**  
Last day of Autumn term—Friday 17th December 2021  
First day of Spring Term— Tuesday 4th January 2022

Dear Families,

I would like to extend a huge THANKYOU to those of you who have offered kind words and support throughout this term. We have all faced many challenges over the past year and a half but, together, we have supported each other to navigate through. We have demonstrated time and again, that we are 'stronger together' and that if we work collaboratively we will be able to cope better with adversity. Throughout the last few weeks we have tried hard to ensure that the children's Christmas experiences have still continued despite the challenges of the pandemic. I am aware that for you have been some disappointments along the way, but we are pleased that unlike some schools we have still managed to deliver face to face events such as the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carols. Thank you for your understanding; it is always difficult to make the right decision for everyone, but we hope that we managed strike the right balance. Our community is very important to us and the safety of you all, the children and the staff has to come first. Numbers of COVID have been very low within our school community as a result of the measures we now routinely implement. I hope that you all remain safe and well throughout the school break, so that you can spend time with close family and enjoy the festivities.

We will be saying a temporary 'goodbye' to Mrs Richards at the end of January when she embarks on her maternity leave but we will be welcoming back Miss Bullock - who missed us all so much she couldn't stay away! She will be joining the staff team in Diamond class when we return in January. We are also welcoming an additional member of staff in Ruby class as Mrs England will be joining us to work with our youngest children. My thanks, as ever, go to our wonderful staff team at St David's, who have worked tirelessly throughout this term to provide a rich curriculum alongside delivering nurturing support. Despite the ever changing risks and restrictions that have become part of our everyday life, school staff have maintained a 'can do' attitude and always start each day with cheery smiles. I would like to finish the last newsletter of the Autumn Term by also saying a massive thank you to you all (children, parents, governors, Friends & volunteers). You all make St David's Primary School such a special and happy place—we genuinely feel privileged to belong to such a supportive community. I wish all of you and your families, a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 4th January, 2022.

Festive Greetings to you all!

*Fran Brincombe*

## STAR LEARNERS

### Ruby Class

**EYFS— Lucia** has been a 'all round' SUPERSTAR this term and has made fabulous progress—especially with learning phonics—Well done Lucia!  
**Year 1—Julia** has been trying really hard to use her English words when speaking in class and has really increased her vocabulary. Well done Julia!  
Reading certificates: 25 Reads—Elena

### Emerald Class

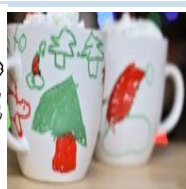
**Year 1—Ava** has set a fabulous example to all her friends; always listening and following instructions  
**Year 2—Wiktoria** has written a lovely version of the 'Stick man' story—Great work Wiktoria  
Reading certificates: 25 Reads—Otis 75 Reads—Ella Arthur Otto 125 Reads— Lucia

### Sapphire Class

**Year 3—Amelia H** has demonstrated a sensible mature attitude recently and has contributed well in all learning activities. Thank you Amelia  
**Year 4—Hollie** is such a lovely calm and patient member of Sapphire class who always works hard to do her **very** best.  
Reading certificates: 25 Reads—Mayar, Imogen, Callum, Jacey, Iowas, Eva 100 Reads—Nina 150 Reads— Ted

### Diamond Class

**Year 5: Noah** has demonstrated such brilliant sportsmanship on the playground this term - he has set a great example to others. Thank you Noah!  
**Year 6: Hamza** has worked exceptionally hard this term and deserves a huge amount of credit for his achievements—Well done Hamza!  
Reading certificates: 25 Reads— Chloe and Talin



Thank you for supporting all of our Christmas activities over the last few weeks.  
We are DELIGHTED to have raised £750 for the PTFA  
This money will be used to support extra-curricular activities for all children



### School Meal Bookings

Please ensure all school meals are booked via [ParentPay](#)  
By 3.30pm on the Wednesday before.

### January Stay and Play 3.20-5.15pm

Places, for S&P, must be booked using this link

[CLICK HERE](#)

Each Stay and Play session, must be paid for via ParentPay, at time of booking.

### Admissions Policy Consultation

The school's DRAFT admission Policy for 2023/24 is now available on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) You are invited to send your response to the consultation to

### Messages from the Church

Please note we now have a designated page on our website giving the latest news and messages from our Church's St Michaels and St David's  
[MESSAGES FROM THE CHURCH LINK](#)

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