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"Learning and achieving together in a caring community."

Do to others what you would want them to do to you - Matthew 7:12

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Newsletter No 6

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely this week to really share the children's enjoyment of Advent and their excitement in this festive time of year. This year we need the joy, hope and compassion that the whole Christmas period brings and we are really looking forward to our local community sharing this through the messages of hope and joy that the children have added to 250 angels that members of the congregation of All Hallows Church will be placing around the village in the coming weeks. I am always overwhelmed by how thoughtful, kind and inspiring children can be.

On Monday, we enjoyed a collective worship led by Reverend McKenzie about Advent, during which our Head Girl and Head Boy shared prayers as the first Advent candle, representing Hope, was lit. We will light the remaining candles each week until term ends, when we will light the final candle during our special Christmas service in school.

In the last newsletter I raised an issue around some conduct when using Class Dojo. I am very pleased to let you know that I have had some positive feedback from teachers following this so would like to thank you for your cooperation.

Our School Vision

On Wednesday afternoon, staff and governors worked with a representative of the Diocese of Gloucester to take forward our work on the school's vision. It was really good to celebrate the work already undertaken and to plan next steps which will include a focus on the vision in the first week back in the New Year and an activity for the children to take home. All of this work is important in ensuring we are all really clear about our vision as well as our values and aware of the vital part each child, staff member, parent, carer and governor plays in it.

Our school vision is 'Learning and achieving together in a caring community', rooted in the following Biblical text: *Do to others what you would want them to do to you* (Matthew 7:12). The special Bible story that the children felt would illustrate this vision is that of The Good Samaritan.

Nurture Provision

We believe that we have a responsibility as a school to support your children to thrive intellectually, creatively, socially and emotionally. An important part of our offer is to be able to provide group or individual nurture provision with a trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, Mrs Jo Jones following

referrals from teachers, myself or parents and carers. We allocate places according to criteria of need and, when there is a waiting list, provide phase teams with resources and ideas to support children in the interim period.

Road Safety

We have been made aware of a recent incident where a driver failed to stop for the road crossing patrol officer on Broadway Lane. Although we do not think that a member of our school community was responsible, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be responsible when driving near the school site, including when considering where to stop as the bus approaches.

Social Distancing and Face Coverings

In school we continue to follow our risk assessment to make us as safe as possible during the Coronavirus pandemic. I really appreciate the efforts that many of you are making with social distancing, not mixing with other households and keeping us informed of pupils and family members who are awaiting tests or results. It is also reassuring when some people wear face coverings. Please can I remind you that only people within a household or support bubbles should be sharing a car and to continue to follow government guidance fully despite the festive frivolities. Reducing the risk of Covid-19 is vitally important for everybody due to risk of significant ill-health or worse.

Key Dates

Flu Immunisation	8 th & 9 th December
Christmas card end date	14 th December
Christingle Morning	16 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	16 th December
Christmas Lunch	16 th December
End of Term 2	18 th December @ 1.30
INSET Day – school closed	4 th January
Term 3 starts	5 th January to 12 th February
Term 4	22 nd February to 1 st April @1.30
Term 5	19 th April to 28 th May
INSET Day – school closed	19 th April
Term 6	7 th June to 21 st July @ 1.30

Yours Sincerely

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