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NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Sandy

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 15th December
SECONDARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday, 16th December
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS
LUNCH
SECONDARY SCHOOL REMOTE
PARENTS' EVENING

Friday 18th December
END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE
FOR PUPILS

Monday, 4th January 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 5th January 2021
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
FOR THE SPRING TERM

15th - 19th February 2021
SPRING HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 31st March 2021
END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE
FOR PUPILS

Monday, 19th April 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April 2021
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Monday, 3rd May 2021
BANK HOLIDAY - NO
SCHOOL

31st May - 4th June 2021
SUMMER HALF TERM - No
School

By now all the primary pupils should have received their child's autumn term IEPs. It goes without saying that if there is anything on the IEP, that you are not sure about, contact your child's class teacher.

The new style secondary reports will be sent out early next week, ensuring that you are able to read them fully prior to the remote secondary parents' evening on Wednesday. It was wonderful to have such a huge response for attendance this year and the class teachers are looking forward to talking to you.

Covid 19 has had a dramatic effect on the country as a whole and all of our lives have been affected by it in one way or another. I'm pleased the whole of The Link community has pulled together during these times from the first lockdown, when we only opened for our more vulnerable students to the current day, when we are having to shut class bubbles, sending students and staff home to self isolate. It's not easy I know.

This week we had an C19 incident at the secondary school and many of our staff and students are having to self isolate. We have also had to introduce a different timetable.

My thanks go to students, staff and parents for their resilience in managing these changes to well.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

The primary school has continued to embrace the season's festivities into the curriculum this week and it is definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Every class are busy making gifts and cards to share with their families, cooking up edible delights for you all to enjoy, learning festive songs with each class team determined to give them a 'Link Christmas' they will remember, albeit a different one.



Artistic flair has come into it's own in Beech Class, with such patience and concentration being displayed.



Acorn Class have enjoyed including baubles into their attention activities, reinforcing colour and numbers.



Willow Class have worked together to make their very own class tree, each adding their own special touches



Maple Class too have been making tree displays for their class, working together to get things just right.



Frosty has made an appearance at school too - sending best wishes to everyone! Beech Class painted his body, Oak Class decorated him and Hazel Class put together the final touches, including a stylish handbag made by Lily! All inspired and organized by Olha and Rebecca.

The secondary school are busy getting into the Christmas spirit too.



Yates Class have made their classroom look very festive. Even the Zones of Regulation have been given a Christmassy feel.



Hot Chocolate Friday was a welcome break for Sandy this week, who has been even busier than usual.



This week's deserving recipients were George and Kelson for positivity and charity. They are

always willing to help out and work hard at all the jobs they are given.

Michelle O also earned herself a cup of hot chocolate for her resilience. She has completed all her work this week, even the things she finds difficult - a real superstar - and if you are reading this in the newsletter Michelle - don't worry you can have your hot chocolate with Sandy next Friday.

Staff members rewarded for their efforts this week were Maria who works tirelessly with Johnson Class when they haven't been able to attend college this term. A friendly face with a kind word for everyone.

Sarah E is reliable and hardworking, fulfilling our values of success and resilience. She had led Yates Class with professionalism and calm, making sure that the students have had the least amount of disruption this week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

It's always lovely to hear from ex pupils and this week we heard from two of them.

Firstly Bertie S gave us a call to update us on how things are going at Carew Academy. He is working hard but says he misses 'the old days and good times at The Link'. We miss

you too Bertie, but are so proud of what you are achieving as you mature.

Dennis H, who attended both the primary and secondary schools is now attending Orchard Hill College and in January will be commencing a work experience placement at RHS. Dennis is still involved with Croygas Football Team and is a little disappointed that he and his Dad Ron are unable to visit us this Christmas.

AND FINALLY

Sadly today, we said goodbye to Sheralee and her family, who are off to pastures new in Seaford.

We will miss them all very much but wish them much happiness in their new home, and Sheralee in her new school, where we know she will make lots of friends.



Wood Class held a little party this afternoon to say goodbye and wish her well.

The family have all promised to come back and see us at the school fairs, which we look forward to.

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Good Luck