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# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS**  
**LUNCH**  
**SECONDARY SCHOOL REMOTE**  
**PARENTS' EVENING**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE**  
**FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
**STAFF INSET DAY**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**FOR THE SPRING TERM**

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**SPRING HALF TERM - No School**

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021  
**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE**  
**FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**STAFF INSET DAY**

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021  
**BANK HOLIDAY - NO**  
**SCHOOL**

31<sup>st</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
**SUMMER HALF TERM - No**  
**School**

## **A Message from Sandy**

Excitement is mounting around both schools, as we edge that little bit closer to Christmas and the end of term.

Sadly, festivities this year will be very different due to the current climate. I for one will deeply miss the Joint Schools Carol Service, which has been held annually for many years. I know many of you will too.

Our performances that so many parents enjoy unfortunately will not take place, but I can assure you that this does not mean we will not embrace the season to our full advantage.

Our curriculum continues to the very last day, encompassing creativity, language development, literacy, numeracy and science. The change in season and Christmas itself, offers so much opportunity for exploring and investigation - no matter what age our students are!

Please do take time to ask them what they have been doing at school and if they bring their work home, I'm sure you will both discuss it and admire it!

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Hazel Class have been busy this week, preparing Christmas decorations, which now have pride of place in our atrium.



The class worked together, under Olha's guidance, each making an orbital sphere, which were all positioned together to make the beautiful wreath you see below.



Snowflake designs have been created, making full use of both symmetrical and asymmetrical patterns.



And whilst we're talking about snow, Willow Class discussed the changing seasons and weather and were treated to the first snowfall seen in Beddington this year, which raised lots of laughs. This also reinforces liquids and solids and the changing state of matter.



As the weather is getting much colder, Hot Chocolate Friday at the secondary school was very welcome this week,

Sandy enjoyed a warming drink with:

Dylan who has had two good weeks in school and has worked well with Carl, both in and out of lessons. His positive, smiley manner has been noted and he has been talking in a really appropriate way to adults in school. Well done Dylan.

Jasmine got the opportunity to enjoy her cup of hot chocolate due to displaying the values of kindness and success.

A lovely calm teacher who cares very much about the quality of lessons and the learning experience of all our students. She has used equipment in brilliant ways to ensure success in Yates' Science lessons.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

'All Aboard' are back again in December, bringing their huge

train sets to the St. Nicolas' Community Centre in Sutton, With two sessions each day on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December, tickets (which must be bought in advance) and more information can be obtained by visiting:

<https://allaboardsutton.eventbrite.co.uk>

Run by experienced autism/ADHD professionals, you can be sure of a welcoming, understanding and safe environment in a COVID secure venue. Adults need to socially distance and wear face coverings, but the children can play together.

## AND FINALLY .....

It will please so many people to hear that Kevin's annual Magic Show will be going ahead, even though we cannot have a Christmas Fair.

By the submission of a fiver and the magic of a Zoom link, he will arrive in your homes on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am.

Anyone who has seen his shows in the past will tell you how fantastic they are. Letters from The Link Association have been circulated already, just fill in the form and return it with £5 which covers cost of your family ticket and look forward to a show to remember.

Our sincere thanks go to Kevin and Nic for giving their time so freely for this fundraiser.