# Friday 18 December 2020 End Term 2 Newsletter



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Value of the term: Thankfulness Learning behaviour: Collaboration

As we head rapidly to Christmas we think it is fair to say that we all deserve a super festive period. The children have enjoyed Christmas lunch and a special virtual pantomime, along with lots of other festive fun within their baubles—I mean bubbles (couldn't resist). This has been an incredibly difficult 9 months for our entire community, however with some further green shoots of recovery in our collective response to the national pandemic, our biggest strength will always be the way we work **TOGETHER** - long may that continue. Wishing you and your loved ones a very happy and healthy 2021!

#### We are Creative



Year 1 enjoyed their Forest School lesson by using a range of materials to create their own hedgehogs. We wonder what else they can create?

#### We are Physicists



Year 4 investigated which materials make the best switch in an electrical circuit. This followed the planning and design of their own home-made lamps.

#### We are Campaigners



Two Year 5 pupils wrote a persuasive letter to change a policy within the school. A great example of how our pupil's voices are listened to and heard.

# Morrisons

## The BIG Night In!

Morrisons very kindly donated two hampers for us to raffle in order to raise much needed funds for the school. Congratulations to our winners! We really hope you have a great evening enjoying the contents of the hamper and some quality family time. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. We made a whopping £92!

The charity FareShare kindly donated 65 food hampers filled with festive teats which we have been able to distribute to the community to ensure that everyone can enjoy a special meal this Christmas time. We wanted to say a big thank you to everyone inside and outside of the academy that made this happen and their relentless efforts to ensure that no-one is forgotten and everybody has just that little bit extra at this time.

Dates for your diary 2021

Tuesday 5 January	First Day of Term 3		
Week commencing 11 January	Various after school clubs to re-start — more information to follow		
Wednesday 13 January	Reception class — Story night. Hot chocolate & biscuits $4:45-5:45$ £1		
Friday 15 January	Admissions Application Deadline Day		
Thursday 21 January	School Census Day		
Friday 12 February	Last Day of Term 3		
Monday 22 February	First Day of Term 4		

Click HERE to to apply for a reception school place by the closing date of 15th January 2021.







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community food network



## Times Table Rockstars!

The Academy was full of rockers on Friday 4th December for the launch of our new learning platform for times tables. It was a joy to see the children having such a blast learning their times tables whilst having fun at the same time. We hope the children were inspired to use the platform to continue their practice at home whilst showing you just how quickly they can answer the questions posed. Here are some images from the day to enjoy! Who can spot Dr Saunders amongst the Rockstars?

















## The Week Ahead—(this is an example only)

Day of the week	What is Happening	Which Class	What do you need to do	
Example				
Tuesday	RE Day	K52	Nothing	
Tuesday	PE Day	Year 4	Ensure PE kit is in school	

Following our parental survey, we are acting on your feedback about the number of texts we send to you. To reduce the number of texts we send, we will be emailing a "Week Ahead" diary to keep you updated on what is happening within the Academy during the following week. An example of what to expect is shown above. We hope this will mean that you will not receive as many texts from the school, however it does mean that we won't be sending reminders to you. Please pop this information somewhere handy so you can check what is happening each morning.

Some helpful links can be found below to help with Online Safety for you and your child.



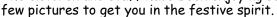


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## Christmas fun in pictures

The children and staff have been enjoying some Christmas fun over the last week. Here are just a

























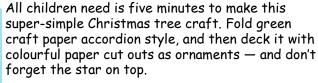














Ordinary white paper plates and a few simple craft supplies are all kids need to whip up this adorable holiday project. Don't forget to take tons of pictures of the little artists sporting their snowman, Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus masks.

Y4 Please save your cardboard boxes and bring them to school for 15/1/21 for DT project.

(That's the second week of Term 3)



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# Staying Safe and well over the holiday

## How to reduce the risk of self-isolation over the holiday period.

You can reduce the risk of your household having to self-isolate by:

- adhering to the Hands, Face, Space controls when out in the community
- Maintain social distancing and follow the National and local guidance
- being extra vigilant in spotting the symptoms of COVID and following self-isolation rules until receiving a negative test result.

As a reminder:

The three symptoms are:

high temperature a new continuous cough loss of smell/taste

If anyone in the household has one or more of these symptoms they must:

- stay home (do not attend school or work)
- get a test.

Everyone in the home **must** stay home until the test result is received.

If the test is **positive** then:

report positive test results to the school immediately;

The positive family member must stay home for the length of time instructed on the test (usually 10 days), and

all other members of the household must self-isolate (for 10 days).

## Reporting a positive case after 17 December 2020.

It is important that we continue to trace close contacts of anyone who has a positive test result and were in school 48 hours before the symptoms started.

From 18 December please report a positive test result by email to <a href="mailto:school@fva.cabot.ac.uk">school@fva.cabot.ac.uk</a> and provide the following information:

Your Name

Your child's name

Date of first symptoms

The date of the test

The date of the positive result.

If you have had a test and the result has not come back after 48 hours please also report this using the email address above.

These accounts will be monitored by the team so that we can complete the contact tracing and communication with families of those children needing to also self-isolate.

To support you to know if you need to report a positive result please see the table below.

Symptoms started on	They were in school on	Report	
Wed 16 December	Monday 14 December	Yes	
Thursday 17 December	Tuesday 15 December	Yes	
Friday 18 December	Wednesday 16 December	Yes	
Saturday 19 December	Thursday 17 December	Yes	
Sunday 20 December	Thursday 17 December	No	
Monday 21 December	Thursday 17 December	No	