



14th December 2020

Last Week of Term

The children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers every day this week if they have them.



In the absence of Christmas productions this year we have made some short videos of the children singing, reciting a poem, enjoying Christmas lunch and a performance by the children who are learning brass instruments. These will be uploaded to Class Dojo this week for you to enjoy.

On **Thursday 17th December** the children will be able to spend the Dojo points they have earned during the Autumn term at the Dojo Shop in school and during the afternoon they will be watching the Polar Express with biscuits and drinks. The children are welcome to wear pyjamas to school, but please make sure that they wear outdoor shoes and will still be warm enough during outdoor breaks.



This is also the last day of term. The decision to close and use the Friday as a training day had already been made and shared with parents in advance of the Government announcement last week.

School will reopen on Monday 4th January.

Winter Enterprise

The items you have ordered will be coming home today. Thank you so much for your support; we weren't expecting quite so many orders! However, the children rose to the challenge and the production lines worked efficiently until everything was complete.



Once we took away the costs of buying the ingredients and anything else necessary we worked out that a £218.77 profit had been made so well done everyone and thank you again for your support.

Staffing Update

At the end of term, we are saying 'goodbye and good luck' to Miss Pope and Miss Johnson. Both have been a fantastic support to the children and school since joining us and they will be missed as they move onto new posts within the Local Authority.

In January Mrs Page will be returning to class teaching and will take responsibility for Year 5. Mrs Fenwick will continue to teach in Year 5 but will also provide PPA cover across school. We will also be welcoming Miss Richardson who will be joining us also to support in Year 5.

Online and Game Safety

I am sure that a number of children will have requested various devices and console games for Christmas. Here are a couple of sites which can support parents to get ready for the digital festive season and to make sure that the necessary parental controls are in place.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



It is also worth taking note of the PEGI rating on games as this lets you know if the content is suitable for your child's age.

Please also be careful that younger children are not present with older siblings or adults are playing games which are not suitable for them.

Finally,

This has been the most unusual year for us all and we have been very fortunate at Cotsford to have minimal disruption this term. Please keep up the good work and be extra vigilant with hand washing, face coverings, staying 2 metres apart and keeping buildings and homes well ventilated. As always, please get tested promptly if you have symptoms and stay strictly at home if you are asked to self-isolate. I will continue to check Dojo for any messages about positive cases at the beginning of the holidays and will do any notifications necessary.

This will be a very different Christmas for most of us as we are unable to see some of your family and close friends during the holidays. Stay safe, and please know that your efforts are appreciated by all of the staff at Cotsford, as well as every other member of our Cotsford Family.



Take care and enjoy a safe and restful Christmas,

R. Cook