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### **Message from our head teachers...**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for working with us this term in what has been such a challenging time in school and within our community. During such hard time so many parents have supported with us through accepting staggered start and end times, wearing masks and collecting children promptly that have been ill. We would not be able to run the school efficiently without your understanding and continued patience during this national pandemic.

We know Christmas is a happy and special time for families to come together and now more than ever we can all agree that we need this, but can I urge you to think carefully about how you and your children mix over Christmas so that we can prevent the spread of the virus on the return to school.

We would like to wish you all a Happy and safe Christmas and look forward to greeting you all in the New Year.

### **Principals Awards**



At the end of every half-term we like to celebrate all the fantastic work our children have been doing. Teachers choose a child from their class based on their contribution towards our school values of ICARE – Integrity, Creativity, Aspiration, Respect & Responsibility and Empathy. It is always a very difficult decision as there are so many children to choose from! It felt a little different this time not being able to invite the parents in to celebrate their child's success.

FS2: Harper and Kyle

Year 1: Layla-Leigh and Tobias

Year 2: Katie and Lena

Year 3: Reece H, Freya and Jakub

Year 4: Ana, Tiarna and Amber

Year 5: Dean, Milica and Karolina

Year 6: Claudia, Sophie and Riley

Potter Class: Kian

[Well done to all these children.](#)

### **Key Dates this term**

School closes for Christmas: Friday 18th December 3:30pm

School Open: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Primary application deadline: 5pm January 15th 2021

Bikeability Y3-5: Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021



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### **Christmas celebrations**

This year Christmas has looked a little different in school. It has been a shame we have not been able to invite parents in to our annual carol concert and Christmas performances.

Year group has shared their mini year-group production on their class story on class Dojo. These will also be uploaded to the school website. (Please see section below regarding parental consent as we are not able to send this out to all parents due to no consent yet given).



### **Positive cases of the Christmas break**

Even though school will be closed from today, we still need to report to Public Health if any of our pupils test positive, even if during the Christmas holiday. Please see more information in the separate letter sent out today for more information.



### **We open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

You may have seen on the news the proposed delay to opening schools to pupils after the Christmas break. This currently only applies to secondary schools so we will be opening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as per our term dates.

### **Staggered start times**

We will continue the staggered start and finish times in the spring term. Please do not arrive before your allocated time so we can ensure the school site is not overcrowded, wear your face covering and only one adult per family where possible.

8:30-3:00pm Potter, Years 1, 3 and 5

8:45-3:15pm Nurture, Years FS2, 2, 4 and 6.

### **Christmas Jumper day**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we supported the charity 'Save the Children' with their annual 'Christmas Jumper' day. We ask for a donations for your child to wear their Christmas jumper. We are pleased to announce we raised £321.16 for the charity. Thank you for your support.





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## Change to days we teach PE

We have made a few changes to the days your child will be taught PE. Please check their PE days, so they come to school in their PE kit on the correct day.

FS2: Monday and Thursday

Years 1 and 4: Tuesday and Friday

Year 2: Wednesday and Friday

Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday

Years 5 and 6: Wednesday and Thursday

Potter: Tuesday and Wednesday

Nurture: Tuesday



Reminder for PE kit: Plain black / navy blue jogging bottoms. Red school logo PE T-shirt / plain red T-shirt (no football tops), school jumper (no hoodies / zip tops). Thank you for your support in sending your child in the correct PE kit.

## Year 2 Star Books



These Year Two children have had their name drawn out of a hat after reading at home at least 5 times a week. Their Friday treat was enjoying a Starbucks style hot chocolate and biscuit with their teachers. Our December winners are:

	Keating	Murray
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Leonardo, Katie	Ali and Lola-Rose
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Samir, Daniel and Amy	Connor
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Jack, Alby and Leonardo	Josh, Lionel and Jolie



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## Reading at home

Over the Christmas break, please ensure that you continue to hear your child read on a regular basis (ideally at least 5 times a week). This could involve your child reading to you or a member of your household, you reading jointly, or you reading to them – either their book or one of your favourites. Please talk about what you have read, asking questions based on the text. Maybe get your child to be the teacher and they could ask you the questions?!



## Data collection and parent consent – please complete



We still have a large number of parents who have not yet updated their consent permission and contact details. As we are not able to invite parents into school at the moment, we are trying to share more photos / video on our school website and class dojo, but unable to include quite a few children if we do not parents' wishes. If you have not yet completed either the parent consent form or the updated contact form, please visit our school website [www.exeterschool.co.uk](http://www.exeterschool.co.uk) and go to the parent zone.

## Hot lunches

If you are booking hot dinners for your child, please ensure that you sit with your child whilst booking as we have started to notice children are not eating their meal as they say they do not like it. Menus can be found on the Kingswood website [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk). Please order by each Wednesday for the following week. School meals cost £2.30 per day or free if your child is entitled to free school meals.



## Ever thought of becoming a teacher?

We are proud to be working in partnership with the Two Mile Ash Initial Teacher Training Partnership training our teachers and superheroes of the future. If you or know of anyone who may be interested in a career in teaching, visit [www.mkitt.co.uk](http://www.mkitt.co.uk) to find the right route for you.

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## School Term Dates: Academic Year 2020 – 2021

### 2020

Term 1	Re-open	Thursday 3 September
	Closes	Thursday 22 October
Term 2	Re-open	Monday 2 November
	Closed	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – training day
	Closes	Friday 18 December

### 2021

Term 3	Re-open	Monday 4 January
	Closes	Friday 12 February
Term 4	Re-open	Monday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 26 March
Term 5	Re-open	Monday 12 April
May Bank	Closes	Friday 30 April
Holiday	Re-open	Tuesday 4 May
Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 28 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 7 June
	Closes	Friday 16 July