



Arnside National Primary School

'Aspire – Believe – Achieve'

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work, commitment and patience through such a challenging time. Parental support has been fantastic and by working together, we have created the best possible opportunities for the pupils given the restrictions in place. Thanks to the commitment of staff, we've had Breakfast Club, Arnie's, hot dinners, music tuition, virtual PE competitions, sports coaching and School Church all operating throughout the term, offering the pupils vital care and support while enriching the curriculum.

It has to be said, the pupils have been wonderful. The way they have adapted to 'Covid School' life and embraced the new routines and procedures is a credit to each and every one of them. It's a poignant reminder of how open-minded, adaptable, resilient and positive our children are, even in the most demanding of circumstances - a lesson to us all.

The inevitable bubble closure highlighted the fragility of the whole situation and how school has to instantly adapt and switch to online learning. The gradual move towards Microsoft Teams to deliver more bespoke, individual and collaborative online learning is an exciting step forward for us but one which I hope we won't have to rely on too heavily next term! Nothing beats the buzz of an excited, wide-eyed class. The Government have just released initial reports about regular, weekly testing in secondary schools next term and this can only be a huge step forward towards reducing bubble closures and the need for pupil / staff isolation. There's no mention of primary schools yet but we always live in hope.

Take a deep breath... A huge thank you to the PTA for their pupil gifts, St James' for the Christingle-in-a-bag, Parents / Carers for the bauble pennies, Gemma Jackson for the panto registration, AVG for giving us the opportunity to support local residents, Steve Hoare for the parties, the Houghtons for a lovely Christmas tree, Judith Bratt for organising a festive Food Bank collection, Tom (Class 1 Nativity film production crew), Chris Bratt for his festive message to pupils, and New Barns Caravan Park for their kind donation of a water boiler for the staffroom kitchen. Simply wonderful help and support.

Christmas will be different, it will feel strange but I have no doubt it will also feel special in every possible way. Our children will still be full of the same infectious excitement and anticipation! On behalf of all at Arnside School, have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy your special time together. May it be filled with laughter, love, fun and a sprinkling of magic. 2021 is looking brighter already...

Take care, stay safe and I look forward to hearing about your festive adventures,

Mr Sharp



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