



Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Families

I just wanted to write an additional newsletter this month to wish you well for the Christmas break. I hope you manage to fill it with things that you love and spend time doing what makes you happy. I also wanted to send a huge festive thank you. For your continued support in my first term here at Birdsedge First School. As we say goodbye to 2020, I am sure for many there will be lots of things you are glad to say goodbye to. In some ways, that is the case for me too. However, there's one huge thing I will forever be thankful to 2020 for and that is bringing me here to Birdsedge First School and the chance to work in such a wonderful school and community. As I reflect at the end of my first term here, I really must share my thanks, from the bottom of my heart, for all the support, time and energy you have given to me and my vision for Birdsedge First School. We really are stronger together and this term has shown just what amazing things we have been able to achieve as a team. I look towards 2021 with only positivity and hope for another term building, growing and achieving together. Sending you all my best wishes for a lovely family Christmas and only good things to come for the new year ahead.

Mrs Waddington

Covid 19 Updates

Remember, symptoms of Covid 19 are:

1. New, continuous cough
2. High Temperature
3. Loss of, or change in, usual sense of smell and taste

-You should continue to contact me, if your child develops symptoms on or before Saturday 19th December and subsequently tests positive for coronavirus.

-After 23rd December, you do not need to notify me unless your child will not be back in January.

-Should we receive a report of a positive result on or before 23rd December, we will continue to contact trace so may advise families of the need to self-isolate should your child be a close contact.

Staffing Update

Mrs Emma Carter, who has been an ETA at Birdsedge First for a number of years has, last month, started a new role within the Mast Trust at Scissett Middle School. We send our biggest thanks to Mrs Carter for all her hard work and support to Birdsedge First over the years and wish her well in her new role.

Sparkle Day



On the first day back for children, Tuesday 5th January. We will be having a day full of smiles, sparkles and shine! We will be talking to children about a brand new year and an opportunity to set new goals and aspirations.

Children are invited to come to school on this day in non-uniform including something sparkly, shiny or bright! Just like their goals and futures in the new year ahead will be ☺

Communication

From January all teachers will be moving over to a Mast email address, please use the following from now on:

Miss Hutton: khutton@themast.co.uk

Miss Haigh: dhaigh@themast.co.uk

Ms Spark: mspark@themast.co.uk

Remember to follow our social media platforms to stay updated

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>
<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

Our website is also updated weekly with news, things to know and class blogs.

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

Out of School Clubs

Multi-Skills will continue for another 6-week block beginning on Thursday in week 1 after the holidays.

The Street Dance Club will also begin on week 1 after the holidays, every Wednesday for a 6-week block.

Friends of Birdsedge

Look out in my January Newsletter for the next Friends of Birdsedge Meeting. Remember, volunteers at any level are always welcome and appreciated, so please do get in touch if you are interested. We also hope to identify key roles in the group and long term projects for the year ahead in this meeting. Email me at dwaddington@themast.co.uk if you would like to attend any meetings and I will make sure any links or emails are shared.