

Dear parents, carers and all members of the school community,

I am mindful that as I write this newsletter some families may still not have power and we hope electricity is returned to you very soon. Many of us have faced some challenges over the past week along with school. However, I am impressed with the perseverance and resourcefulness of our children and families over the past week.

Sadly, I write also to note that I will be leaving Old Hutton School slightly earlier than hoped due family reasons. I am confident the staff will hold the fort over the next few weeks. Mr Turley will also be continuing to have transition meetings throughout this term. I have been so impressed with how wonderful the children have welcomed me, despite the short period of time I have been at Old Hutton. Thanks also goes to the staff who know the children so well and are so committed to the school community. St Mary's and Old Hutton continue to look forward to working together to enhance the learning experiences of all of the children.

This week has seen changed covid guidance from the Government. As a result, we are advising parents to wear masks where possible within the school environment. This guidance may change quickly over the next week and we ask for your understanding and support as we respond as required. The local headteachers are in constant communication with one another in attempt to be consistent in our approach to events and performances during this advent period.

I have shared below, the various events taking place at Old Hutton this Christmas. I hope in sharing these dates you can plan ahead at this very busy time. Details of the various events will sent out by Miss Harrison very soon.

Whilst I have not had the opportunity to greet or say hello to everyone, I would like to say a big thank you for welcoming me this Autumn term.

Wishing you a happy advent and a good Christmas.

Frai Aares

Mr Jones



# Competition

This year I have set up a small competition for the children (different competitions for infants and junior children) with some very impressive prizes. These will be coming home this week. Please hand these in to the class teachers completed, with a chance of winning the prizes. These will be announced in the last week of the term.



## **Events**





### **PE Kit**

I would like to remind parents that we are asking children to wear school PE Kit when doing PE and not branded kit or football kits. Thank you very much.

# Covid Cases

At school, headteachers receive weekly updates about the cases of covid in the local area. The following information was shared this week. It highlights the increase in cases in the south lakes and in light of the recent changes in guidance, we are asking all families to be mindful of this. Please can you wear masks if you are approaching the school building. Equally, we will be requesting family members wear masks at the nativity and school Christmas fair. Throughout December, guidance may change and covid case results may vary. With this in mind, please be aware that school may have to alter the Christmas plans, possibly at the last minute. Please be understanding and patient if arrangements are changed.



The following chart shows the number of reported new infections for the different parts of Cumbria in the seven days up to and including 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.



#### Kind Regards

Trai Jones

#### Mr Jones

### School Term dates – 2021-22

Please note that school ends at normal time for half term holidays but at 2pm at the end of full terms

#### Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 2PM finish

**Spring Term 2022** Staff training day Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 2PM finish

Half Term Holiday Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Summer Term 2022 Staff training day Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 2PM finish Good Friday Holiday: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half Term Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

