



Newsletter

DECEMBER

*“Remember,  
This December,  
That love weighs more  
than gold!”*

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Families

What a term this has been! As Christmas quickly approaches, I reflect on what a most unusual, and challenging year this has been.

Plans on how we could safely reopen the school in September, already seem a long time ago. It really feels like all the work has been thoroughly rewarded, and I must extend a huge thank you to the students, carers, parents, governors and staff for all their efforts in adapting throughout this year.

We have continued to concentrate on what is important for your children, and continued to provide a safe and appropriate learning environment.

Back in September, the School's Leadership Team reviewed and discussed the school's

key priorities, and gained an understanding of the expectations the teachers had for their new classes. While this view centred on the children's learning objectives, the day to day focus was clearly around settling the children in to the new normal, and re-establishing school life.

There has been nothing but a positive feeling that accompanies any report outlining both the strategic developments over the term, and importantly, the manner in which your children have really settled in and got on with school life.

As our attentions now turn to the Christmas period, and how we hope we celebrate it, all that is left for me to say, is Merry Christmas and all the best for 2022!

## Christmas Carols

Despite the disappointment of not going to St Giles Church, we did manage to have our own Community Christmas Carol event on Wednesday.

Singing outside is tricky to do as everything sounds different, but we all coped really well and even though it was a different end to the term, it was a festive end to the term.



## New Governors



Exhall Junior School is pleased to welcome two new co-opted governors to the school Governing Body this term; Jenny Lewington and Joanne Parker.

Would you like to be more involved in our school? The board of Governors are looking for another governor to join us on our journey. Enthusiasm is a must, as well as the ability to support and share ideas to make Exhall Junior School the best that it can be.

To find out more about being a governor, come and speak with us, write a short covering email telling us what you will bring to the role and send it to [admin2571@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2571@welearn365.com).

## Football Tournament

We had another successful football event this month, this time it was the Year 5/6 Girl's team. Mr Burch said that the girls were a credit to the school and that they played some fantastic football entirely in the right spirit.

Well done!



## Attendance

Obviously attendance levels, especially at this time of year, can be affected by illness. However, we still feel that attendance and punctuality need to be celebrated with weekly points being offered. This term Class F were the victors, well done. When we return for the Spring Term in January, individual awards will be given for those students who have had good attendance.

## Christmas Food Bank Collection



The Junior Leadership Team would like to thank you so much for your kind Christmas donations. Your support for those who are in need of some extra help at this time of year is a credit to the school.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 15 December 2021 pupils and staff looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers! It really added to the Christmassy feel during the Christmas lunch.



Over £80.00 was raised by the donations received. All proceeds will go to Save The Children. Thank you.

## Final Goodbye, Mr Lee

Mr Lee, our Deputy Headteacher, leaves Exhall Junior's at the end of this term.

As we have mentioned, he has shown great commitment to the children's learning, and we know he will continue this as Headteacher of St John's in Kenilworth.

Actions are in place already to cover the roles Mr Lee has until a suitable appointment can be made. We all wish him the best of luck!

## Christmas Coventry Rocks

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FOR FAMILIES IN COVENTRY**

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Coventry Rocks is a great way to find out about events in the local area over the festive period.

Their special Christmas edition includes details of lots of lovely unique Christmas Events, plus shows to catch at the Theatre, and ways to Shop Local for Christmas Gifts.

[www.coventryrocks.co.uk](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk)

## Calendar

School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 5 January, 2022 at 8.45 am. All term dates for this academic year can be found here

- <https://exhalljunior.org.uk/calendar>

## Merry Christmas

We wish all our friends and families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to safe and happy 2022.