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Headteacher's Newsletter

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We care, we learn, we grow

Goodbye to 2020!

So here we are at the end of the craziest year I have ever known. I'm sure that you will all agree that we are hoping for a much more normal, healthy and happy new year!

Looking back at 2020

Pre Covid-19 the school was moving in a fantastic direction. Y5 had a brilliant time at Robinwood in January and Year 6 were working hard in preparation for SATs, high school and looking forward to an exciting trip to France. Standards across the school were high and the children were enjoying the exciting curriculum on offer. Then we were instructed to close in March and everything changed.

We have all been through so much. Many of you worked from home and had to manage home learning too. Some of you even lost jobs. Throughout this turbulence Outwood has worked hard to support our families and to make sure that our children did not miss out on the education that they deserve. I am really proud to lead such a dedicated team who put our children first throughout, caring for children of key workers and vulnerable children, delivering food boxes and keeping in regular contact with all of our children at home. We even managed to open our doors to everyone who wanted a place in the summer before we officially opened to all.

Reception Places Sept 2021

If you know of anyone who is looking to join our lovely reception class in 2021 please ask them to contact the office on 0161 4371715 or email admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk to arrange a meeting with myself. We can now offer personalised covid safe tours of the school upon request.

Since September.....

We have tried our best to provide a bit of normality and fun through exciting learning activities whilst keeping the children and staff as safe as can be. Please have a look at some photographs below to give you a flavour of what has been happening in school. Also please have a look at the class pages on the school website for more.

Festive cheer!

The children have really enjoyed getting festive this December. This week Santa delivered a special personalised message to our EYFS children and he even managed to deliver Christmas presents to them all too. All classes have had parties and in EYFS and KS1 the children have recorded sing along's for parents and carers. These can be found on their class pages of the website. We have had a record number of children having a Christmas dinner this week. I can vouch that it was yummy, everyone had lots of fun too!

Remote learning & contact tracing arrangements

Please make sure that you have seen the letter that we sent out yesterday from the local authority and myself. This explains about our remote learning plans for Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd and also the contact tracing arrangements for over the Christmas break.

General Reminders:

Wrap around care bookings

If you require a place in our breakfast and after school club please make sure that you have booked a place in advance as places are limited! Places need to be booked by Thursday 7th January to secure a place for the 1st week back-week beginning 11th.

Outwood's Twitter Page

Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our website to see what exciting events are happening. You'll find us at <https://twitter.com/outwoodprisch> or @OutwoodPriSch

Healthy Snacks

We are going to be really promoting healthy snacks in the new year led by the school council. Please remember that the children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 receive free fruit every day as part of the government's healthy snacks programme. There is always more than enough fruit for everyone, with a variety of different fruit provided. Children in KS1 and Reception do not need to bring in a snack for break time. Children in KS2 are welcome to bring a snack to school for morning break. Please could this be a healthy snack, not sweets, crisps, biscuits etc.?

Some highlights of 2020...

