

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Dear Parents,

So here we are the end of another busy term. And what a term it's been with all types of activities from Mosque visits, through gymnastics, art afternoons, Bear Hunts, water sports, Christmas Celebrations and parties!

I would really like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, staff, parents, volunteers and, of course, the children for making this term go so brilliantly.

Good Luck

Its with mixed emotions, sad to see him leave yet glad for his promotion, that we all wish Mr Boyle the very best of luck in his new role of Headteacher, at his new school, Neroche. Mr Boyle joined us, on loan, in 2008 and has stayed ever since. He quickly became a valued member of the team, supporting us through a very turbulent period and out the other side, into calmer waters. I hope that you will all join us at our assembly, on Friday at 1440 in the Hall, and give Mr Boyle a terrific send off.

Welcome Back

I am pleased to let everyone know that from the beginning of next term Mrs Davey will be returning to us following her Maternity leave. Mrs Davey will be coming back to teach in Class B for three days a week.

Representatives of the Governing Body and myself interviewed candidates for the two remaining days on Friday. It was a very hard process, due to the high quality and large number of applicants. I am very pleased to announce that Miss Hathway will be joining us from January to teach in Class B on Thursdays and Fridays. I am sure that everyone will join me in welcoming Mrs Davey back and Miss Hathway to our school.

Festive Fun!

The Infant Party will be held on 15th December. The children will need to wear their school uniforms to school, but may bring some 'party clothes' to change into for the afternoon. Could we also request that each child bring some party food for everyone to share, be it mince pies, crisps, fairy cakes or a plate of sandwiches.

The End of the School Day

On a far less festive and more serious note, I have to let everyone know that a young child was knocked over by a car as they left school on Friday. Fortunately, nobody was seriously injured, just very badly scared.

Unfortunately our school entrance not ideal as there is no pavement for the children to come out onto. I'd like to remind everyone that parking on the zig-zag lines is illegal, even for a short time. We do have spaces in the Ceramtec car park and I urge you to use them. Parents do need take care when walking their children on the road and when parking their cars.

Colyton Library

I have just been informed that Helen, at the library, is leaving at the end of December. I know that everyone at school will join me in wishing her all the best in the future and thank her for all of her help over the years.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Oh, and to remind you that we return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2012.



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Diary Dates

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| Infant Christmas Party at 1330 | 15 December |
| Christmas Holiday | 19 December - 4 January |
| Back to School | 4 January |
| Year 5/6 Athletics Final at Ottery | 25 January |
| Class A Parachute and Skipping festival 0915-1030 | 30 January |
| Class D Roman Day | 30 January |
| Class C Gymnastic celebration at Colyton Grammar | 9 February |
| Half Term | 13-17 February |
| Back to School | 20 February |
| Easter Holiday | 2-13 April |
| Back to School | 16 April |
| School Closed for Staff Training | 4 May |
| School Closed for Bank Holiday | 7 May |
| Half Term | 4-8 June |
| Back to School | 11 June |
| School Closed for Staff Training | 18 June |
| Summer Holiday | 23 July – 2 September |
| Back to School | 5 September TBC |