



# VALE OF EVESHAM SCHOOL

Newsletter: 17th December 2021

Dear Families,

It has certainly been a busy, eventful and very happy week. Despite events in the news externally, we have managed to have some absolutely beautiful moments in school. We have all enjoyed Christmas dinners, special dinners (I saw those fish and chips Mrs Evans!), carols, nativities and lots of games and laughter. It has been wonderful to see pupils enjoying themselves, being with friends, supported in their learning by the wonderful staff and having such a positive ending to the term.

I have been asked by several families what the plans are for January when we return. However, the picture is changing nationally every day with the new Omicron variant and no school has a definitive plan for January. We are absolutely prepared for all eventualities and as you know, we are able to return to remote learning or blended learning quickly without upheaval. If we are required to do this, then we will be in contact with all families on 4<sup>th</sup> January (staff training day).

I have also been asked by some excited and hopeful pupils what happens if it snows – will they have the day off? All school closures are put on Worcestershire County Council school closures noticeboard and we endeavour to do this by 7am on the day of closure. The news will also go out via class do-jo and Tapestry and will be on local radio. We have to ensure that the site is safe, that transport are able to collect pupils safely (they have additional risk assessments) and that we have enough staff to be able to run the school safely. We give as much notice as possible and in the case of a full closure, remote learning will also be provided.

I wish all families a very happy Christmas. I hope you all have a lovely holiday with your loved ones and stay safe. We all look forward to seeing you on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022!



Best wishes

Rachel Perks  
Headteacher



## LPPA update

We are into our last few months of our project of trying to obtain a 'Lead Parent Partnership Award' (LPPA) which we are due to complete on Friday 8th April 2022. We have been making huge strides in our work on it and as always, the families and staff have been working so hard together to ensure we all have positive and successful home-school links. We had our second parents and carers survey that closed last week and I have also sent out a feedback form asking for suggestions and ideas on what we can do to be even better than we already are.

Thank you so much for all of your support and suggestions in helping us all achieve the LPPA.

## Covid-19 Update

As COVID numbers are on the rise across the country, we wanted to make you aware of the arrangements for reporting COVID cases during the holidays. If your child tests positive on either an LFT or a PCR test, up to and including Monday 20th December please can you email Rachel Perks directly [rachel.perks@valeofeveshamschool.org](mailto:rachel.perks@valeofeveshamschool.org) and we can ensure that close contacts are notified. Thank you.

## Headteacher's Superstar of the Week

Every week, staff will nominate a pupil who they think deserves a special award. This could be because they have worked hard, tried when things seemed difficult, been nice to their friends or any other reason that deserves special praise.

This week our superstars are:

### **EYFS:**

**Charlie** in Nursery for some really beautiful signing of 'hello' and clapping along with everyone in our Circle time song.



### **First School:**

**Oscar U**, for trying so hard in his phonics assessment.



### **Middle School:**

**Calan**, for an excellent half term coping brilliantly with changes that have happened in class



### **High School:**

**Holli**, for always having a positive and can do attitude.



### **Sixth Form:**

**Darren**, for excellent contribution to carol service and for ongoing commitment to learning