



## Bampton Church of England School Newsletter | 4 January 2021

### Term Dates

Non-Pupil Day  
4 January 2021

Spring Term begins  
5 January 2021

Spring Half Term  
15 - 19 February 2021

Spring Term ends  
31 March 2021

Summer Term begins  
19 April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday  
3 May 2021

Summer Half Term  
31 May—4 June 2021

Summer Term ends  
22 July 2021

Non-Pupil Day 23 July  
2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

As no doubt you will know from the media regarding COVID 19 guidance, the good news is that the school will reopen for children as planned tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January). However, we do understand that the local and national picture is still not a positive one at the moment regarding COVID-19, with the new tiering structure being introduced last week.

To reassure you, over the holiday period we have reviewed the schools' COVID risk assessment and you will be pleased to know that it remains robust with no significant changes required following the latest government guidance. I can assure you that we are all extremely vigilant in school regarding the risk assessment and everyone is working extremely hard to keep our children and whole community as safe as possible.

I know that concern has been raised about doors and windows in classrooms being left open for ventilation purposes in what is now very cold weather. Again, I would like to reassure you that the risk assessment allows for doors to be closed from time to time during the day to protect classrooms from the cold at the discretion of the class teacher and reopened to 'purge' air through the classroom as recommended in the guidance.



Some concern has also been expressed to us regarding drop off and collection times at the bottom of the hill. Therefore, there will be a minor 'tweak' to our procedures at the bottom of the hill this week, just as an additional precaution. Nothing that will have much of an impact on you or the children, however in order to help keep everyone as safe as possible if I could politely remind you that ***if you drop off and/or collect your child at the bottom of the hill, please follow the 2m social distancing guidance and leave the site as soon as you are able to.*** By taking as many precautions as possible, including the possible wearing of masks, it will help the school to protect the whole of the community.

Thank you in anticipation for helping us to keep everyone as safe as possible.

On a brighter note, we had a fantastic end to 2020 in school in the run up to Christmas. The children really enjoyed their Nativity, the Santa Run, their Bubble Packs, the gifts from the 'Open the Book' team and the 'Virtual Service' from Rev Kev, and what a fantastic surprise for the children to have a visit from Father Christmas on the last day and be given presents as well! Thank you to everyone who helped give the children a great end to the year, including our catering staff for going above and beyond, in some cases working additional hours, to make sure the children received a plated christmas lunch in their 'bubbles' as well! The christmas hampers for the staff from parents were such a kind thought too. Thank you for those as well, everyone in school really appreciated them.

As we start the new year, we look forward to implementing all of our new plans in school (the curriculum refresh, introduction of Character Education and the new enrichment programme etc)

This week sees the launch of our new C360 curriculum. As well as receiving your termly letter and Curriculum Web from your class teacher this week, teachers will also be sharing with you our new '***Knowledge Organisers***' with you. These detail the specific knowledge and facts children will be taught during their topic work over the next half term. They will be shared with the children as well, and KS2 children will soon be receiving bespoke '***Knowledge Organiser books***', which will have their knowledge Organisers from now until the end of the academic year printed in them as well as pages to celebrate everything they learn as they move through the topics.

To learn more about our ***Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact, including Character Education*** [click here](#)

To learn more about the Alumnis ***Vision, Values and Virtues*** [click here](#).

As I said, we are really excited about implementing these new school improvement initiatives this year. As Roy Blatchfords (CBE) commented in his report following his audit during December "***The school is now in a good place to drive on to 'excellence as standard'*** "

Take care everyone and stay safe,

**Mr Bladon**

**Headteacher**

