

Monday 14th December 2020

BLABY STOKES CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Coming up...

.Thursday 17th December– Christmas Party day, children can wear warm party clothes or non uniform.

.December 18th– End of term- Panto and Christmas jumper day

.January 5th 2021 Spring term begins

The End of Term

In the midst of a global pandemic, this has been one of the most challenging years any of us have ever faced in education. I have been impressed every day with the resilience and commitment our school community has shown and it is such an honour to be the headteacher of our wonderful school. With 3 bubble closures, remote learning for some pupils and complex new bubble timetables, the whole school team have worked so well together to ensure our children get the best out of their learning. I hope that you all have a peaceful, relaxing and wonderful Christmas together. Keep being kind and keep looking after one another.

Mrs Rodger



A **Massive** thank you to our wonderful PTA who have provided all the snacks for the children for their parties this week!

Staff News: Miss Jessop is sadly still

unwell and so won't be back at school after the Christmas break. **Mrs Leslie**, who has been teaching three days in Y1 for Miss Jessop, and two in Y5 for Mrs Latter, is moving on to a new job after Christmas too. She has done a great job at Blaby Stokes and we wish her every success at her new school. Year 1 will have **Mrs Purdy-Piggin** for a couple of weeks until a new teacher is appointed to cover Miss Jessop.

Mrs Latter is retiring from our school at the end of this week after working with us for over 12 years! During that time, she has worked alongside many different colleagues and is a wonderful role model and class teacher. She will be really missed by all of us here at the school but we wish her a happy and healthy retirement– she loves playing golf so will no doubt be busy on the golf course as soon as she can! The Year 5 class will be taught by **Mrs Rushton** and **Mrs Mance** who is a very experienced teacher.

Mrs Reid MacKay has been acting SENDco in the absence of Miss Jessop and is now going to be working on a project involving Red Hill Field after the Christmas break. She will continue to be our acting SENDco for 3 days a week but will no longer be teaching in Year 6 in the spring term. **Miss Winn** will instead return to Year 6 full time and **Mrs Smart** will be full time in Year 2 for the Spring term.

Mrs Birchall and her baby boy Leo are doing well and she is hoping to return to work after the Spring half term to work alongside Mrs Rushton.

Mrs Ballard had her baby boy Henry on November 18th and both mother and baby are doing really well!

Tier 3 Lockdown



I hope you saw the message on Friday about what to do during the Christmas holidays if you or anyone in your immediate family tests positive for COVID-19? As we are in another lock down at present, please can you wear a mask up to school and ensure that only one adult comes in too to help us to all stay safe for Christmas, thank you. We will finish at the usual times on Friday. Merry Christmas Everybody!