

Civitas Academy Bulletin

18/12/20



Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! What a rollercoaster of a term that has been! Despite all the constraints and new ways, it really has been a great term, jam packed with fabulous learning opportunities and great attitudes to their learning displayed by children in all year groups.

During our end of term assemblies, it has been just great to be reminded of the superb efforts and attitudes of our pupils and how they display our Civitas Certainties day in day out; many House points have amassed this term!

A huge end of term thank you must go to all of you - our parents - for the support you have given your children and us throughout this term. Although attendance levels have understandably dipped a little this week, our collective resolve to get all our pupils back learning in school has been so important for their progress and learning behaviours. Your positive messages of support sent to so many staff throughout the term have been really appreciated too; thank you.

Another massive end of term shout out must go to the entire staff team. We have put into place exceptionally rigid controls and systems in school, to ensure we can keep pupils and staff safe. These have absolutely worked as the few positive cases we have had, have resulted in so few others needing to self-isolate. These new systems have been tough for staff though; for example, due to the staggers, before and after school duties, breaks and lunchtimes now take much longer to cover, which means longer duties every day which staff must cover... So, I know you will all share my huge thanks to our wonderful staff team for everything they have done this term to keep things as normal as possible for all the pupils.

And finally, we must give credit to the pupils themselves. From the outstanding starts to their school lives from our youngest children in Reception to our pupils in Year 5; they have displayed such resilience, positivity and determination to be the best they can be. As with the staff, we have asked an awful lot of our pupils; I am immeasurably proud of them - as I know you are too.

Good-bye and Good Luck

The day has arrived where we say a very sad farewell to our Head of School Mr Wieder. Mr Wieder joined us in January 2018 and has been a vital member of the team as we have grown to be the 'Good' school we are now; thank you.

You will be greatly missed by us all but we wish you the very best as you take on your new role as Head Teacher of Aldrynton Primary School.

Goodbye from Mr Wieder

I would like to personally thank all members of the school community for all of your support during my time at Civitas. It will be certainly be sad to say goodbye to everyone at the end of the day on Friday. The school is at the heart of an amazing community and I will miss the positive vibe of the children around the school. Whilst I have been at the school, I have seen it double in size and continue to improve. I leave behind a fantastic set of staff that will continue to improve the school and wonderful children that are eager to learn and try their best. I hope that all members of the school community have a great Christmas break and return refreshed in January.

INSET Day

Please note that the 4th January 2021 will be an INSET day and the first day back for all children will be the 5th January 2021.

COVID 19 Symptoms Procedure

A reminder that over the Christmas period, we need to continue our track and trace procedures. Therefore, if your child tests positive or is told to self-isolate over the Christmas holidays, please notify the school by using this form:

[COVID -19 reporting over the Christmas holidays](#)

A reminder that the main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. If you or your child present with any of these symptoms, you must not attend school and should arrange to get a coronavirus test. You should stay at home and do not have visitors until you get a test result-only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

You can book a coronavirus test on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Events Diary

Date (Time)	Event
Monday 4 th January 2021	INSET DAY – no pupils in school
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Pupils return to school