

## Friday 18th December

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite us not being able to celebrate Chritsmas in our usual way, we have still managed to get into the festive spirit in our bubbles! We hope that our Key Stage 1 parents have enjoyed watching their children in their nativity play via the link that has been emailed to you and that our end of term virtual assembly sprinkled a little joy. We know that this is no replacement for our usual events; this is simply an alternative for the time being. This week, pupils have performed in their nativity, recorded a whole school assembly, held class-based parties and created Christmas crafts. They were also treated to a live screening of The Mousehole Cat, thanks to Gerrans Primary School. Please also look out for our nativity photographs in this week's West Britain. Thank you so much for your generous raffle donations and purchasing of tickets. We raised a whopping £479.00 for school fundraising. On Wednesday, our school cook, Mandy, dished up a tasty Christmas dinner for the whole school. Pupils and staff wore their Christmas jumpers and raised £65.00 for the charity, Save the Children. Thank you for your kind donations.

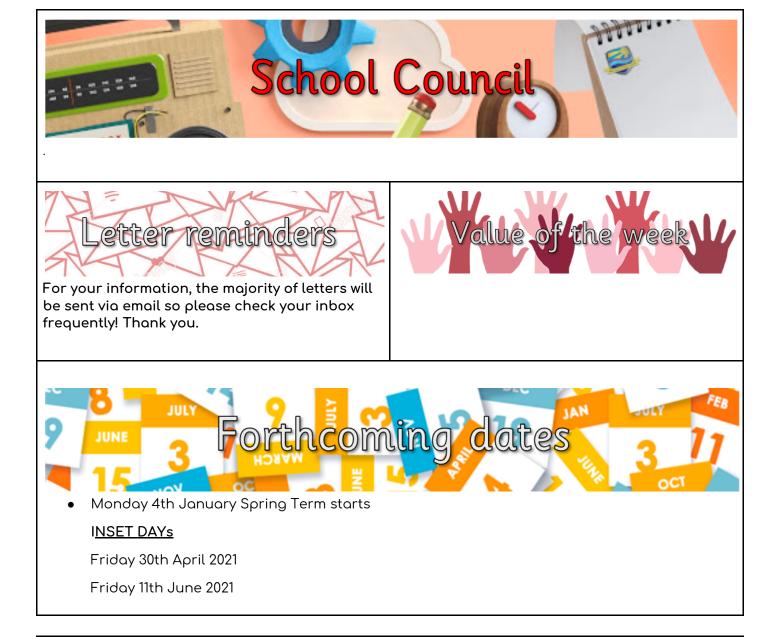
This year has been full of highs and lows: a challenge like no other. But, through it all, we have pulled together, each and every one of us - staff, parents, pupils and our community. Our children have benefited from this joint effort and I firmly believe that school is the right place for children, giving them a sense of normality at a time where there appears to be so much uncertainty. With the Covid vaccination, we sincerely hope that, by the Summer Term, we will be on the road to a return to normal. However, I cannot thank you enough for your patience during this period, where schools have responded to the ever-changing guidance, often with little notice. We understand that this has, at times, been challenging for our parents, but your support has kept morale high and made these challenges a little easier. I must also commend the attitude of our pupils; whilst we recognise these changes have been difficult for some, our pupils have adapted with us, with little or no fuss. Let us all hope for a brighter 2021, where we can resume our school community as we know it and all those things that we have missed out on for the best part of a year. 2020 is certainly a year that our children will never forget!

Please have a wonderful Christmas, albeit a different one, and do keep your loved ones safe and well.

Kate Douglass

Headteacher.

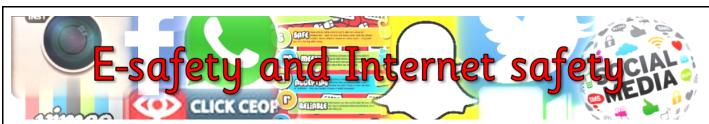






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The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse –without using scary words or even mentioning sex. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants 2.

