

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 18.12.20



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Celebration

We do hope that you enjoyed last night's Celebration. It was important to us to try to maintain a sense of community and togetherness – 16 different countries were online watching with us, from Korea to Kenya!

Thank you JP Le Blond and all the team at d'Auvergne for your efforts, but most of all the children for their fabulous performances.

Covid Update

I am so pleased that yesterday's incident was a blip and has not dramatically affected many families' Christmas celebrations. It was a stark reminder, though, that we are only a short step away from significant disruption and possible illness. Throughout the holiday, please help us to start 2021 in as safe and effective a manner as possible in school by encouraging the children to maintain high levels of hygiene. Any pupil demonstrating any symptoms at the start of January needs to be kept off school and advice sought from the Corona Help Line, 445566.

I am pleased to report that the person who tested positive is feeling a little better – we wish them, and all of our community who have been unwell of late, speedy and full recoveries.

Thank you for your Gifts and Words

Your generosity at this time of the year is so appreciated. The communications and gifts that have come into school are most kind. The very many words of support that have been expressed have kept the spirits high – as did this morning's breakfast for the staff from the PTA! Much appreciated.

School Awards

We were delighted to present very many awards to our children today, from Nursery to Year 6. These awards are predicated on effort and / or being kind. A small minority of them are given for being a high attainer. Overwhelmingly, they are presented to those children (whatever their current attainment) who really try their best – this means that anyone can win one.

Our congratulations to all today's recipients – we are so proud of you! To those who didn't quite make it this term, please be assured that if you continue to give your best you will have every chance in the future to win one of the many prizes.

Here's to 2021!

And so, as I said last night, let's put 2020 to bed and come out even stronger next year. My very best wishes to you all for a peaceful, safe and healthy Christmas and here's to an amazing 2021.

Well done children, you're incredible. Parents, your support is extremely highly valued. My team, you're the best – thank you so much.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

Thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts, we have been truly spoilt!

The children have had such a fantastic first term in Nursery and we can wait to welcome you all back in the new year.

Whilst you are off, work on the links I sent you last week alongside having some wonderful time with your families.

Please keep us updated on what you're all doing on Tapestry.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!

Mrs Knight, Miss Robinson, Miss Kelly and Mrs Bonass

Reception

Reception your holiday challenge is...

1. Make somebody laugh or smile.
2. Get messy outdoors!
3. Share a book with someone you love.
4. Show your grown-ups that you can get dressed by yourself now!
5. Play, play, play (it's how we learn!)

Have a restful holiday and we will see you in the new year, ready to learn!

The Reception Team

Year 1

Well done for making it to the end of term! I'm sure we all deserve a good break!

Please could you make sure that you have logged on to our Google Classroom?

The email address and password are inside the front cover of your child's home learning diary. If we have to do any 'home learning' next term, this is where you will access the work.

We hope you enjoyed watching the Year 1 Nativity on the live stream on Thursday and are very proud of your lovely children!

Thank you for all our cards and presents – it's very kind of you and much appreciated.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas, even though it'll be different, and look forward to seeing you in the new year when we shall start our topic of Paws, Claws and Whiskers.

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

What a busy half term we've had, and you should all be so proud of your children who have continued to work hard 'till the very end of the year.

We'd like to remind you that our google classroom is ready for you to join if you haven't done so already...we still have 10 children in Year 2 who are not yet on!

Mathletics is still available for your child to access and it would be helpful if you could practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and learning these times tables over the holidays.

In January, our PE days will be Mondays and Thursdays so please send your child into school in a fully named PE kit with suitable trainers.

Our new topic will be The Great Fire of London; we are sending home a vocabulary sheet for you to look at with your child. If they find out any interesting facts about this historic event over the holidays, we would love to hear about it in January.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a well-earned break. Stay safe and look after each other. Thank you all for your continued support over this last term and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Best wishes,
Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

Year 3

This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed their Well-being Day with Rosie the dog and plenty of other fun, mindfulness activities and time taken to reflect on a busy term. If parents

would like to see some of the activities the children took part in; the d'Auvergne Facebook page will have some photos available to watch.

We are super proud of the efforts your lovely children have made this term – we have worked them hard! In the Spring Term we will be continuing with our current PE days of Monday and Friday, and looking forward to our topic of Urban Pioneers.

In what has been a unique year we would all like to wish you a happy holiday in which we would hope you enjoy some quality time with your awesome children. Enjoy!

Warmest regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

Year 4

Well it's certainly been a busy term and week for Year 4. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this term and are looking forward to continuing our learning journey next year in 2021. We ended our Traders and Raiders topic with a bang, designing and making Viking longships, as well as finishing our class text, Beowulf, having a class big quiz! Please remember, next term Year 4 will be swimming Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays (starting the first week back), and will need to be in their swimming things and PE kit on these days. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have volunteered to walk with us. We will also have PE on a Wednesday too.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Mrs Lawrence, Miss Shurey and Mrs Wilkinson

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have finished off our newspaper reports and written some beautiful Haiku poems. Can your child tell you the pattern and make a Haiku with you?

In Maths we have continued with our multiplication and using a variety of concrete, pictorial and abstract methods.

It has been a really successful half term, thank you for all your support and efforts.

A few reminders for next half term: our PE days are Thursday and Friday; we have no more swimming sessions; our new topic is all about World War II. There are resources on google classroom for your children to have a look at to get ahead of the game.

Have a fantastic Christmas break, a terrific New Year and stay safe.

Year 5 Team

Year 6

Thank you for your kind and generous gifts and cards, but above all thank you for your support during this first full term.

This week we have enjoyed concluding our Victorian topic, beginning our Fractions unit, making some lovely and delicious cooking Christmas puddings and other Christmassy projects.

Huge congratulations to Aoife, Amy and Daniel for winning the trophies and awards from Year 6 😊 We are so incredibly proud of you.

Please remember over the Christmas period to continue to READ, read, read, read, read, read, read etc just like Mr Cooper says.

Please also continue to access TTRockstars, Mathletics and Purple Mash. If you complete your book complete an Accelerated Reader Quiz. All links can be found on our GoogleClassroom

Have a wonderful safe and merry Christmas. We can't wait to see you in the new year!

Ms Watson and Mrs Wheaton
