



Dear All,

What a term it has been! I am incredibly proud of our children and staff in managing the return to school under the most challenging of circumstances- the children have been incredibly resilient to all the changes and have relished the chance to learn alongside their friends in class and our staff have been incredible in supporting children in catching up in their learning alongside the endless rounds of handwashing and cleaning. A huge thank you goes out to all of our parents and carers for helping us out with the dropping off and picking up from school- it has not been easy to manage in a large school, but with your help it has ensured we have made the start end of the day as safe as we can. Your support and messages of positivity have kept us going through a tough term- thank you!

With the light slowly appearing at the end of the tunnel in terms of the vaccine development, we look forward to a much more positive 2021. You will have seen news about mass testing in school in the new year- this will happen a little later in primary schools, giving us a chance to arrange this and give you more information. Just to reassure you, this is a voluntary process and we will be giving you more information as we are given it.

Finally- Christmas is going to be a little different this year for us- our Christmas wish to all of you is to come back in the new year healthy, happy and safe.

Best wishes,

Lorna Kimberley, Head Teacher

PLEASE READ - IMPORTANT!

During the first week of the Christmas period, to keep families safe, we would like to ask you to inform us **at the earliest opportunity** if your child attending our school tests positive for COVID-19. This will enable us to track any close contacts in order to advise them to self-isolate. You can do this by messaging me (Lorna Kimberley- Head Teacher) directly through class dojo or by emailing covidnotifications@fremingtonprimary.org

Please remember, before the return date of the 5th of January, if anyone in your household is showing symptoms or tests positive, the household will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the first day of symptoms and not return to school.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS OVER CHRISTMAS

Please look out for a detailed letter or email from Devon County Council next week regarding the Government Free School Meal voucher system for the forthcoming holiday. Please click on the link here for more info - [information about the scheme on our website](#). If you think that you are eligible for Free School Meals, please follow the guidelines for registering. **Once confirmed, please make sure you send in your eligibility code to admin@fremingtonprimary.org so we can activate your child's Free School Meals.**

SHEBBEAR COLLEGE ENTRANCE & SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS IN JANUARY

Shebbear College have upcoming Entrance and Scholarships week from 25th - 29th January 2021 and They plan to hold this event at the College



and will be following the latest covid-19 guidelines to ensure that it is run safely for all visitors. Information is available on their website at:

<https://www.shebbearcollege.co.uk/join-us/>

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS

The results are in for the new House Captains! For the forthcoming year until the end of the School Year, the House Captains will be:-

- Hydra - Olivia O and Alfie T
- Dorado - Sam S and Mya B
- Octons - Hayden S and Hollie B
- Pegasus - Eliza W and Jayden R

Well done everyone!

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

Please remember to pre-book online via your MCAS account for sessions. Sessions for Spring Term will be available to book from today. It is advisable to book at least a week in advance as places are popular and get booked up quickly. A reminder of sessions times/fees:-

- 8am start with breakfast £3.50
- 8am start without breakfast £3.00
- 8.30am start without breakfast £1.50

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS

2020 What a Year! 2020 has definitely been the most challenging of years for our world, our community, our school and as individuals. But those challenges have seen some amazing feats of resilience, creativity and kindness, I think we should be so very proud of what we have achieved.

This year we home-schooled our children on virtual platforms, worried too much about toilet roll, clapped for care workers, watched a wonderful WW2 veteran bring the nation together, created rainbows, sang happy birthday whilst washing our hands, joined community support groups and found amazing fabrics for mask making!

Whilst some of us navigated our way through others felt lost, lonely, isolated and overwhelmed which shows that this pandemic has been very personal in its effect on us.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for your fantastic support, patience and hard work this year. Your children are a credit to you all and have amazed us with their resilience throughout the year. To our teachers, support staff, office staff, kitchen and cleaning staff we salute you! It turns out you can 'virtually' do anything! You have kept our children safe, been creative beyond belief and delivered outstanding teaching.

As we come to the end of the year, we are conscious that this Christmas will be different for many people, but we hope whatever your Christmas looks like, you can find joy and happiness, reflect on the year, celebrate our achievements and raise a glass. Please be safe and well this Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Happy Christmas,

The School Governors.

**SEE YOU BACK IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5TH
JANUARY!**

