

# Tickford Times

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## End of Autumn Term

We break up today for the Christmas holiday at the end of a very busy term. We've settled into our new classes, learnt new topics, enjoyed a wonderful Diversity week and had some Christmas fun. This term, we've even been able to run a few more events and clubs and we look forward to building on this in the not-too-distant future.

We've also been able to celebrate a change of Ofsted grade, from *Requires Improvement* to *Good*. Of course, there is much more to achieve and look forward to, and we thank every member of the Tickford Park community for their continued support as we seek to provide the best possible education for your children.

## IT Access Survey

If you haven't already done so, we would be grateful if you would complete our home technology access survey which you will find [here](#). This is part of a project that Mrs Brown, our IT Lead, is working on, as we seek to identify ways to support pupils in accessing educational content outside of the school.

Please note, this is part of our continued work to improve our online provision and home learning, and not an indication that we are expecting to move to remote provision at any point. Despite much speculation online, we are very much hoping to be fully open in January and haven't received any guidance to suggest otherwise.

*Congratulations to Aria, who received the star student award from her rock school during her Christmas concert with The Rock Project, and to Thomas and Jack, who, following a very successful local tournament, have been selected to represent Buckinghamshire County at the Southeast Regional Sports hall Championship.*



## COVID-19 Update

You will be aware from our communications this week that cases of Covid-19 in the school community have sharply risen over the past couple of days, just as they have done nationally. We are thankful to parents for supporting us by carrying out daily lateral flow tests for children in affected year groups.

We send our best wishes to any staff, children or family members who have tested positive. We hope that those of you who are asymptomatic, remain so, and that those of you who are unwell get better soon.

At present, as you can perhaps imagine, we are receiving updates from the Government daily, in response to the continually changing picture – both nationally and locally. Prior to our return in January, we will update our risk assessment in the light of current guidance, and update you on any changes that it is necessary for us to make.

Whilst I will not be checking Class Dojo as frequently in the holiday, I will check occasionally, so if your child does test positive for Covid-19 during the holiday, please do let me know. This enables us to keep an up to date picture of the immediate context.

Once again, thank you to all of our parents for working with us through this ever-changing and challenging landscape. I'm sure that you will also join me in thanking our wonderful staff team for their flexibility and resilience as we have had to manage high numbers of staff absences this half-term.

## Come Back Soon!

We look forward to reopening our doors on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Please note that **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** is a Staff Development Day and school is closed to pupils.

In the meantime, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday and hope that you are able to enjoy time with family over the next two weeks.

## Christmas Raffle



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Friends of Tickford Park Christmas raffle, which raised an amazing total of £1,579. Congratulations to the 38 prize winners. If you did win, but haven't yet collected your prize, please do get in touch to arrange to do so.

We look forward to further fundraising activities in the New Year; however, in the meantime, we'd like to thank the Friends of Tickford Park for the lovely Christmas gifts that they provided for each of our classes once again this year.

