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END OF TERM - This term will end next Thursday 17th December. The new term will start for children on Tuesday 5th January 2021 as Monday 4th January the school will be closed for an INSET training day.

INSET DAY - next Friday 18th December 2020 - Following Government Department of Education and Trust advice we are making Friday 18th December 2020 an inset day. Children do not need to come to school on this day. This also means families have a full week's interval between school and meeting grandparents etc on Christmas Day. Thank you for your understanding and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

A CHRISTMAS VISITOR - Yesterday morning saw a very special visitor to Year 4, a robin! The bird popular on so many Christmas cards fluttered around the room and left safely and unharmed through a window!



CAR PARK - From tomorrow we revert back to keeping the car park secure for the safety of our families. Please do not attempt to park in the carpark to drop children off or collect them. We may not be able to raise the barrier and it is very difficult to reverse out onto Bristol Road. As always, we have an arrangement with the Toby Carvery where you may park in their car park whilst you drop your children, and when collecting them.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS - We are doing two Christmas jumper days this year! The first one will be on 'National' Christmas Jumper day, which is Friday 11th December, and the second one will be on our school dinner day, which is Wednesday 16th December. Please remember to wear the rest of our school uniform as normal. Thank you.

RECEPTION - This week a special visitor came to Robins and Ravens leaving snowy footprints. The children explored the school to find out who it could be!



READING - This week in reading assembly we have been discussing different characters from the Mr Men Series. We have been learning about every person's differences and personalities. The children have the opportunity to ask questions as they learn about the word 'curious' and how important questions are to help us with our learning.

Teachers will choose children who have asked intriguing questions this week and those children will be able to choose a 'Mr Men' or 'Little Miss' book to take home for being just like 'Little Miss Curious'. Good Luck!



NATIVITY – Children in the infants are just amazing in the Nativity! Look out for the sign language songs and a star appearance by Mrs James baby as Jesus. All children in the school will be watching the Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity through Teams on Monday morning. Parents of the children in these years will be emailed a link next week to watch the video from home at any time. As we are not raising money with ticket sales this year, we are asking for kind donations on Parentpay please towards the licence, props and backdrops. Thank you so much for your support.

COLD WEATHER – Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for this cold weather with extra layers under their school clothes to keep warm. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX – Children may bring Christmas cards into school for their friends on a Friday only. These cards will be collected in class and quarantined until Tuesday and go into the school Christmas post box on Wednesday to be distributed to classes.

SIM CARDS - If you are using your mobile phone to access home learning and do not have unlimited data, please pop in to the school office. Vodafone has generously given us a number of SIM cards with several GB of data on them to use for home learning purposes. These will be available from the office from tomorrow morning. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREATS – Please remember to help us support the local care home by donating Christmas treats for the elderly. Please bring in chocolates, sweets, biscuits and toiletries. There will be a box at both gates every morning with Mr Hornsby and Mrs Lawson and in the office foyer. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS SALE – Due to the high amount of purchases, we have now had to limit the amount to 1 per child. The decorations will be personalised with your child's name. Please purchase decorations by Friday 11th December. Donations will be used to provide extra materials for the children to use in school.

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION - All children in school will get an image to take home and colour in this week. Please bring these back into school when completed and we will choose a winner! Winners will be announced on Thursday 17th December.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Our school Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 16th December and children may wear Christmas jumpers to school with school trousers and shoes. If your child would like to have Christmas dinner, please ensure you have credit on your Parentpay dinner money account. Children in the infants will receive Christmas dinner free of charge as part of the Government scheme.

NEW STAFF - We are joined by a plethora of new staff members this term, having been able to interview and appoint an outstanding selection of personnel! To the office we welcome Mrs Gillam, who will be front of house, carrying out all administrative duties and answering your questions and queries. To the LSA team we welcome Mrs Feeney and Mrs Carroll, who will be working with and supporting children in school. After Christmas we greet Mrs Astin, an experienced teacher, who will be stepping into Mrs Oldfield's shoes during her maternity leave. With so many new faces around the school, we look forward to a new and exciting 2021!



Mrs Gillam



Mrs Feeney



Mrs Carroll