



## The Flying Bull Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely week we have had in school! It's just such a shame that due to the COVID-19 restrictions we have not been able to invite you in to share concerts and performances, however, we hope that the website and Facebook posts have given you a little flavour of what we have been up to!

### **Goodbye and Hello!**

Today we held a special Christmas Quiz assembly as we said goodbye to four of our fantastic colleagues. Miss Churchill is off to teach abroad, this is something she has wanted to do for a number of years but travel restriction have delayed this until now. Mrs Krycler is leaving teaching to pursue a new career. It's been a tough decision for her as she began her teaching career here at Flying Bull, but the time is right. Mrs Lawrence has taken the decision to retire after 31 years at Flying Bull and Mr Harvey is off to begin his teaching career within the city he is so passionate about. They will all be greatly missed but I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best and in thanking them for their commitment and passion to Flying Bull.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Bates who replaces Miss Churchill in January as Phase 1 leader and reception class teacher. Later in the term we also welcome Mrs Roberts as Year 1 teacher. Congratulations go to Miss Birks who from January will take on the temporary role of Assistant Headteacher. Her class will be taught by Mrs Darbyshire and Miss Brain.

### **INSET day**

We have two INSET days in January. **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** and **Friday 28<sup>h</sup> January 2022**. School will be closed to all pupils on these days while the teachers and support staff prepare for the term ahead and work on our new phonics and early reading scheme.

### **Covid 19**

I am sure you continue to be aware of the changing messages coming from government in response to the Omicron variant – We are asking that all pupils, or parents/carers of pupils who are unable to, **take an LFD test on the morning of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**, and only come to school if the **result is negative**. I would also suggest that you stock up on LFD tests [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

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I will write to you again at the start of term with any Covid updates that you need to be aware of for the start of the term.

All parents, carers and siblings in Year 7 and above who come on to site to drop off or collect should **wear a face covering** (unless they are medically exempt). We also ask that you use the **year group email address for any questions or concerns** rather than talking with teachers at the door.

Please remember...

- Before school, check your child's temperature and for any signs of Covid symptoms including a cough, loss of smell or taste. If your child displays any symptoms, **stay home**, book a PCR **test** and let the **school office** know.
- If your child is not displaying symptoms, but has tested positive on a lateral flow device, **stay home**, book a PCR **test** and let the **school office** know.
- If your child displays any symptoms whilst at school we will ask you to collect your child and to follow the current advice from Public Health. Please make sure we have your up to date contact details.

### Finally...

Thank you for all your support this term and for supporting your children with regular reading and home learning activities, it makes a big difference. My thanks too to our governors who continue to support the smooth running of the school. A massive thank you goes to all our fabulous Flying Bull staff who have done the most amazing job of ensuring that your children really do get a great primary experience every day. This term they have been ever adaptable and immensely hardworking, we are so lucky to have such a supportive and creative team here at Flying Bull - they all deserve a well-earned rest over the Christmas break! And thank you to all the children who continue to amaze and delight us every day.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me on [head@fbacademy.co.uk](mailto:head@fbacademy.co.uk)

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