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Due to the changes in the final day of term next week (school will **now close on Thursday 17th** to pupils), this will be the last Rothwell Journal for this term. Although the term has had many challenges in the way we have had to operate and the increased expectations we have had to place on the children and staff to learn alongside our COVID measures, we have been proud of how well the school community has risen to the challenge. It will be important that we continue to follow these measures on our return to school in the new year. To prevent a spike in cases upon the return to school in January please help to keep us all safe by followed the Government guidance for Tier 2 and the Christmas bubbles.

Although school will be closed for the holidays it is still important that you notify us of any positive COVID cases in your child/ren until December 23rd so we can still support the contract tracing process required by NHS test and trace. Please notify us using the following email address parents.rvis@rothwellschools.org.uk and parents.rjs@rothwellschools.org.uk with the Header 'Positive COVID case'. In the event of a class bubble needing to isolate following the closure of school for the Christmas break parents will be notified by text message detailing the length of any isolation period.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for a happy and healthy 2021 from all at the Rothwell Schools

Christmas Cards

This year we will be offering a more limited Christmas card service in school. As a result, each class will have their own class post box and children will be able to send cards to the children within their own class. Cards will be kept in the box until the final post date which will be **Monday 14th December**. This will allow the cards a period of 3 days of quarantine before being sent home on Thursday 17th December. Cards will not be accepted after this date. We are unable to provide class lists of names so please ask your child who their friends are.

Attendance Award

Well done to Penguin class for achieving 98.64% attendance in the Infant school

Well done to Nile class for achieving 100% attendance in the Junior school

A few parents have kindly asked about Christmas gifts for staff; although not necessary, if you do wish to give a little gesture please could these be sent in by **Monday 14th December** to allow for the same quarantining process to be undertaken, as with the cards.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held for all year groups in the final week of term w/c 14th December. The parties will be within individual classes and each year group's party will be held on a particular day of the week. The children are welcome to come dressed in their party clothes to school on that day. The children will be provided with some individually wrapped party food on this occasion so you do not need to provide anything from home. If you child's party is being held on a Thursday you are free to choose whether they wear their party clothes to school or their Christmas jumper.

Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th
Y6	Nursery, YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5

COVID Marshalls

As part of Northamptonshire's ongoing response to the COVID 19 pandemic, the use of marshals to support and encourage people to be COVID aware when out and about in their communities is being expanded. Part of this expansion will see marshals deployed in identified local areas where it is felt support and encouragement would be of benefit; this will include areas in the vicinity of schools. Please be aware they could be deployed to the Rothwell Schools.



Phone Home Friday

RVIS: Aaliyah K, Y1 Robin Class

Molly M, Y2 Parrot Class

RJS: Tyler F. Y4 Thames Class

Please note due to the current circumstances dates or events could be subject to change. **New dates in red.**

December

Tuesday 15th Deadline for Christmas Card posting

Thursday 17th- Christmas Jumper Day, School closes for Christmas

January

Monday 11th-Y6 SATs information meeting

Friday 15th January-YR and Y3 2021 school applications close

February

Monday 8th-Learning Log Homework due in

Monday 8th-Thursday 11th Y6 residential

Thursday 11th-School closes for Half Term

March

w/c 1st March-RVIS IEP reviews

Thursday 4th-Parents Evening

w/c 8th March-RJS IEP reviews

Tuesday 9th-Parents Evening



Mr

It is

that



Deady

with heavy hearts we say 'Happy

Retirement' to Mr Deady who leaves us at the end of term next Thursday

to begin his retirement. Mr Deady has been a member of the Rothwell Schools community for over 20 years and we know many families will have fond memories of him as their class teacher or PPA music teacher. Mr Deady has shown a real dedication for encouraging the enjoyment of music with the children and the quality of performances that he has produced over with the different choirs over the years are well known across the town. Mr Deady will be missed by all and we look forward to being able to celebrate his time with us over the next week.

Blended Learning Agreement

As part of the use of Microsoft Teams we are required by Pathfinder Schools to ask all parents to complete the Parent and Student Agreements for using the platform. Microsoft Teams is the platform used to provide remote learning to pupils in the event of an absence due to COVID isolation from school. The full agreement can be accessed on the school website. If we do not receive a completed form from you, we will be required to remove your child from the Teams platform. Please could all agreements be **completed by Friday 11th December** on the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKiXrhKSv0yvGN5on_cBEyKyJq5GJI5It5RWrEORJrNURdHWIIUkdETONSNUdTRkdBOVZFTUzWi4u

Staying safe online at Christmas!

At this exciting time of year we are aware that Santa might be delivering your children new online devices. We' would like to take the opportunity to remind you about a few helpful online safety tips.

1. **Controls** – parent controls are vital to ensure that your child can't access inappropriate content. Set parental controls on your WiFi; you can block inappropriate content and set time limits. Please visit : <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> to find step by step guides to help you add parent controls to your devices at home.
2. **Tablets** – Tablets are very popular with children. Remember to only download games and apps you have checked out carefully. Sites such as www.net-aware.org.uk and www.commonssensemedia.org provide useful advice. Please ensure that you steer your children to age appropriate content. (e.g Youtube Kids!)
3. **Set Boundaries** – Agree to screen time with your child beforehand about how long they can spend online. Remember sleep comes first! It is advisable that online devices stay out of the bedroom to avoid night time interruptions.
4. **Gaming** – There are so many new exciting games and consoles, whether it is a DS, Nintendo Switch or PS4. Consider whether some games they are playing are appropriate. Make sure you check the age ratings.