

Parent Bulletin

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'In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7:12

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I sincerely hope that everyone had a happy and peaceful Christmas with families and friends wherever possible and that the new year brings great joy to everyone.

It has been another week of testing at school, before students have been able to return to the classroom. Students have once again been excellent throughout this process and have adapted to everything that they have been asked to do. This has included getting used to wearing masks again in communal areas and lessons. For any student that forgets their mask, we always have plenty spare and they only need to ask.

We watch and listen to the news and we can see (like you) that one of the biggest issues facing the NHS and many other organisations is staffing currently. So far this week we have not had too many staff members effected by illness, but this remains one of the main concerns in regards to making sure the school remains open. If we experience staff absence to the extent that I cannot get enough supply cover, or cannot combine groups effectively, it would be at this stage that I would be in the position where I would have to make the decision to educate a year group remotely. Whilst this is not a preferred option, it remains a possibility and we will endeavour to communicate this expediently.

On the 25th January we are looking forward to holding our first 'Culture Day' of the year. The students and staff have put a lot of work into this day and it is a real opportunity for us to celebrate the fantastically diverse and vibrant community that we have here at St Peter's. Plans have been developed over the past few months and we are just making sure that we can hold a version of the event that is Covid friendly presently.

Of course today (6th January) marks the Epiphany, which signifies the end of Christmas for most people in the United Kingdom. I have relatives who live in Barcelona and for them 'Kings day' (or 'dia de Reyes'), as it is termed, is a public holiday that is celebrated just as much as Christmas seems to be. We are not present with them, but we always join them via ZOOM or phone to help them celebrate. Having this day as a day of celebration marks another important part in our journey of faith and it is really important to my English sister in law to be able to celebrate with her Spanish family and also it is really fascinating to see how different cultures observe and celebrate important occasions.

Epiphany **commemorates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus** and celebrates the revelation that Christ was both fully God and fully man. With these words from the Bible, may we, like those wise men, also continue to seek, find and live in the "blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus. (Titus 2:13)