



16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been an Autumn Term of considerable concern, with some challenges that many of us have never had to endure before. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the school and taking on advice when communicated.

With the term being so unique, we haven't been able to do half of the things we would normally, so below is a list of some of the events that have taken place:

- Meet the teacher the meetings
- Online Zoom learning
- IT challenges for Y6
- Online Art Exhibition and Winter displays
- SkillZone for Y5
- Council Elections
- Multi-cultural Week

### **Friends**

Due to the current restrictions, the Friends haven't been able to run their usual events, but a huge thank you is required for their resources donation for the Christmas 'make and take'.

### **Children in Need**

I feel this needs to be continually recognised; a huge total of £4023 was raised. Thank you for your efforts and well done to the children for improving their maths facts.

### **Christmas events**

I have felt a little deflated this term, like you, I'd imagine, with the absence of nativities and concerts etc. However, I hope you have enjoyed the Parton Manor Advent calendar and the Winter displays that you have been able to access 😊

### **School places**

A quick reminder to our Year 2 parents that the closing date for Year 3 places at the Junior School is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. You can access all relevant information at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/>

### **Bah Humbug, Mr Preece**

I'm sorry to be a bearer of rotten news but I have noticed that some folks have been bringing dogs on to the school site. Irrespective of whether they can be carried, they are not allowed on site. Please can you make alternative arrangements before collecting the children – many thanks 😊

## **Parent Governor Election**

Thank you to all those parents who put their names forward for election to the Governing Board, we were really pleased with the interest shown in supporting the Federation. I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Sarah Baker has been elected and has attended her first meeting.

## **A message from the Governors**

The Board of Governors of the Federation would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are all hoping that 2021 will be a much better year than 2020 and that you all remain healthy and well enough to enjoy the season, however you are doing it. Thank you for continuing to support the school. The members of staff have all worked so hard to support your children over this stressful time and they appreciate the kind comments from so many of you.

Stay safe and healthy for 2021.

If you want to contact us there are usually some Governors dropping off/picking up in the playground or contact me at:

[chair@partonmanor-inf.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@partonmanor-inf.gloucs.sch.uk)

Season's Greetings from:  
Iola Garbett (chair)  
On behalf of the Board of Governors

## **Spring Term**

As a reminder, the Pre-School, Infant and Junior School will be re-opening on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Have a wonderful Christmas break and I'll look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Merry  
Christmas

