



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



## THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Mrs Crouch

I had a very productive meeting with Mrs Crouch, the incoming interim Headteacher, on Wednesday. She is very much looking forward to starting here in January. We have posted an introductory video of her on the home page of our website.

### Coronavirus

As we approach a crucial time in terms of keeping everyone fit and well in the lead up to Christmas, please be extra vigilant in terms of social distancing, encouraging the children to practice good hygiene etc. If your child is exhibiting any key coronavirus related symptoms, ie a cough, a high temperature or loss of taste and smell, please do not send them in to school. Please also bear with us if we are particularly cautious and ask you to collect your child early from school. We want to do all we can to reduce the chance of families being ill as we approach the festive season. Thank you.

### BBC Radio Oxford

Traditionally BBC Radio Oxford would have come out to schools to record the children singing a Christmas Carol. Unfortunately, they were not able to do so this year. However, they will be using previous recordings and playing them every day on their morning and afternoon shows. This Monday (7<sup>th</sup> December) they will be playing a carol previously recorded and performed by our school choir.

### BSA Quiz

Thank you to Amber and her team for organising the BSA online quiz last Sunday. Congratulations to our winning teams! A big thank you also to Oniad's parents for being so generous in providing such a good deal on the food. The quiz raised an impressive £350.

### BSA Raffle

We have a wonderful collection of hampers of food and drink, and other gifts, all of which were kindly donated by our families, to be won in our BSA raffle. The tickets cost £1 each and must be purchased by 9.00am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn later that day using an online random number generator. This will be streamed via Facebook live so everyone can feel confident that it is all above board. Please buy your tickets via ParentPay using the BSA Events button. Be careful, if you put '10' in the quantity box you only need to put £1 in the payment box as ParentPay will multiply it for you. If you put '10' in both boxes it will charge you £100!!!



### Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas post box will be out by the gate every morning, unless it is raining (it's not waterproof!), until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please remind the children to put the class names on the envelopes as well as the children's names.

### Christmas Lunch

Monday is officially the last day for ordering your child's Christmas Lunch which will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please order in the normal way, via ParentPay. It would be useful to know which children would like the vegetarian option. Therefore please email the school office by next Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup> December) if your child would prefer a vegetarian meal.

### Lockdown Practice

We are required to practise a lockdown scenario once a year in school as part of our Health and Safety procedures. We carried out our practice this morning and the children responded wonderfully.

### Witney Baby Bank Donations

Thank you very much for donating toys for the Witney Baby Bank Appeal on Wednesday. I know they will be pleased with the response from our school and I am sure the families benefitting from the gifts will be so grateful.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne  
Headteacher

