

## 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Virtual Christmas Event  
and Christmas Parties  
End of Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Training Day  
No Pupils

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
Pupils return to school

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup>  
January  
Parent Consultations

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Happy Monday  
Wear yellow (or bright  
colours)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Tempest Portrait Photos

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Internet Safety Day

### Class Reference Information:

Reception = Robin and  
Wren (EYFS/Foundation  
Stage)

KS1 = Swift, Nightingale  
and Woodpecker (Year 1  
and 2)

Lower KS2 = Buzzard,  
Osprey Falcon, and  
Skylark (Year 3 and 4)

Upper KS2 = Kestrel, Red  
Kite, Owl and Eagle (Year  
5 and 6)

## Virtual Assembly Focus: Celebration

### **Thank you:**

This year has been a very challenging time for all of us. However, I am so proud of our school community – the children have returned to school exceptionally well, staff have gone above and beyond to support everyone, and I would like to thank all parents too – your support for the school and your child/ren has been incredible. We all hope by this time next year normality would have resumed but I think there are still a few tough months ahead; but I know we have all come this far, therefore we can make it through the first few months of the new year too, working together to support all. Thank you!

### **Positive Test Result Over the Festive Period:**

I have sent a separate letter about this during the week, but as a reminder: If your child develops COVID symptoms before Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 3.15pm, please can you inform the school that your child is going for a test. This must be sent to: [office@gamlingayvp.org](mailto:office@gamlingayvp.org). If a positive result is then received, please email the office, once again, as we will need to identify and inform close contacts. If your child develops symptoms after 3.15pm on Sunday, and subsequently tests positive please can you inform the office of this but the school will not need to inform anyone to self-isolate as the infectious period would have been after we have left for the holidays. Thank you for understanding and support in this matter.

### **Training Day:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a training day for staff, therefore we look forward to welcoming all the children back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Drop off and collection times will remain the same, for the foreseeable future, and masks will still be required whilst on site until we see a decrease in the infection rate. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

**Christmas Wishes:** We hope you all enjoyed the virtual carol concert today – we all watched it at the same time, across the school, and it certainly made us feel a little more festive. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. I know it is going to be very different for so many of us, this year, but I hope you are all able to find some peace, hope and happiness; and remain safe and well.

We wish you all a wonderful, safe and happy Christmas.