



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Dear parents/carers,

On behalf of everyone at Florence Melly Community Primary School, I would like to thank you for your unwavering support throughout this Autumn term. Without doubt, it has been the hardest term we have ever experienced and I am very appreciative for all your support and patience in light of the adversities we have faced!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for the cards and gifts they have given to staff. Your generosity always amazes me and I know that my team are very appreciative of your good will and kindness. Thank you!

Unfortunately, I have not been able to be in school the last couple of days. After avoiding the virus for so long, my partner has recently tested positive and, whilst I continue to test negatively, I have not been well enough to come into school. I am gutted that I have not been able to see the children before they head off for the holidays. I was very much looking forward to dyeing and decorating my beard (which I have grown specifically for Christmas), dressing up like Santa and enjoying the festivities with them all. I would like to thank my Senior Leadership Team for taking the reins in my absence and doing a brilliant job of leading our school.

Before we all head off for the holidays, can I just draw your attention to a few bits and bobs?

Return Day and our INSET Day

Just a little reminder that the children return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022, after the Christmas holidays. We have a scheduled INSET day for staff on Wednesday 5th January. In light of the current pandemic situation, I ask that you keep a close eye on your emails, our school website, Class Dojo and our Twitter feed for any important updates that might occur during the holiday period. It is important that you are kept fully up to date.

Our Flo Melly Pantry

Before the pandemic, we decided to establish our very own food bank - the Flo Melly Pantry! We are proud of what this initiative has become and recognise that our pantry is a real life-line to so many. We are committed to ensuring that no child or family goes hungry! I encourage anyone who is in need of support during this time to get in touch and we will do everything we can to help. You can contact me directly, via email: a.leach@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk if you are finding the Christmas period a struggle.

School Uniform

We have been absolutely delighted with the response to our new school uniform policy. The children look very smart indeed and the new joggers and tracksuit jackets/hoodies have proven to be a real hit! Details of our uniform policy can be found on the school website: <https://florencemelly.org/parents/school-uniform/>. In recent weeks however, we have noticed more and more children coming into school wearing trainers rather

than shoes. I need to remind all parents/carers that we have a 'no trainer' policy - please make every effort to support us with this. Thank you.

Staffing Changes in January

In January we will have some new (and not so new) faces joining our amazing team.

Miss Coleman will continue to teach pupils in Year 1, in Miss Hibbert's absence.

Mr Sewell, who is currently supporting Year 2, will be moving into Year 6 to support pupils with their SATs preparation. He will be working with Year 6 until the Easter holidays. Miss Burnett, will be taking her class full-time when we return after Christmas.

Miss Griffiths, a specialist SEND Teaching Assistant, will also be joining us to support our Early Years team.

There will also be a change to the staffing arrangements in our school office. Mrs Kane (Irene) will be taking an extended leave of absence in 'exceptional circumstances' to visit her son who lives in Australia. Irene has been unable to see her son since before the start of the pandemic due to lockdown restrictions in Australia. The Governors and I are delighted to be in a position to support this! It is such a unique situation and I cannot even imagine what it must be like not being able to see loved ones for such a long time. Mrs Kane will be away up until the February half-term and will be replaced by Mrs Lesley McIlroy - a supply Finance Officer.

I am absolutely delighted to be welcoming the new faces into our Flo Melly family!

Lastly, it is vital that you all have a relaxing, well-deserved Christmas break - full of family-time and festive cheer! I genuinely hope that you all make it to Christmas without having to self-isolate! After the year we have had, the last thing anyone needs now is ruined Christmas plans - trust me, I know!

As always, thank you for your support, take care and stay safe.



Mr Aaron Leach
Headteacher

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