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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: End of term newsletter**

Firstly, can I thank you all for your support over the last few weeks, as we have had to implement increased measures in some year groups, due to a rise in Covid-19 cases and a rise in those displaying symptoms. Our current plan is to return to a non-bubble situation after Christmas. However, as I am sure you can appreciate, it is highly likely that there will be updated guidance for schools over the holiday period. I will ensure that you are updated, if and when we do have to adapt to any new guidelines.

**Christmas performances**

Though they were a little different to the planned shows, the children have really enjoyed the afternoon performances and their parties this week and we hope you have too! I know for many of you, it was not possible to join due to work and other commitments but thank you to everyone who was able to participate through Microsoft Teams.



**Breakfast Club**



I just wanted to remind you that we are starting our new breakfast club on 4 January 2022. We already have a good number of children who have signed up, which is encouraging. Please contact us if this is something you would be interested in, either in the short-term or in the future. Please see our main website for further details.

**New Catering Service**

Hopefully, you will have seen my letter, regarding Mellors, who will be providing our meals service after Christmas. Please click on the link below for further details:

[Pilgrim - Mellors Catering Services \(pilgrimacademy.co.uk\)](http://pilgrimacademy.co.uk)

Just a reminder to ensure that you have completed the ordering form and made payment through Pay360 before the start of the new term, if you require a meal for your child after Christmas.

Mellors will be involving families and the children in the provision they provide, not just in terms of food but also in terms of enrichment activities. I will update you on this further next term. We are very excited about working with Mellors as our new caterers.



## Community involvement at Pilgrim Academy

Again, a further reminder that we have started to open up Pilgrim Academy to community groups to share our facilities and support local organisations. Next week, the 'Create the Tiger Holiday Club,' run by Climb4 will be running their club from Monday to Thursday, which I know some of you have already signed up for. If you would like further details and/or to see if there are any places available, please contact the group directly at <https://bookwhen.com/climb4>

## Staffing update



After Christmas, Mrs Ritchie will be joining the administration team on a part-time basis.

Mrs Irvine will be joining us as a teaching assistant, on a part-time basis.

Mrs Ridge will be leading the breakfast club.

Mrs Allen will be assisting with the breakfast club and also joining the midday supervisor team.

## National Tutoring programme

As part of the Covid catch-up strategies implemented by the government, all schools receive some additional funding to support individuals who need extra sessions to support their learning.

I am delighted to say that Mrs Dolby will be re-joining us after Christmas for the Spring Term. Mrs Dolby will be working with a number of small groups over a period of up to 15 hours for each individual, focusing on specific areas such as reading, phonics and mathematics.

We will also have an additional tutor joining us, through a programme called 'Lightning Squad,' again, to support small groups with their reading skills.

## Sports Premium Funding



Linked to the above, we also receive additional funding for sports-based equipment and activities. We have recently ordered lots of new equipment for certain clubs including badminton nets; football boots and shin pads; playground barriers to allow more games to be played on the playground etc.





We are also in the process of organising a number of events for the children, which include a free-style footballer doing workshops for the children.



In addition, we are also trying to arrange swimming lessons for certain year groups, but this will depend on any Covid developments. We will keep you updated in the new year.

## PGL

We have 24 Year 6 pupils going to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire in July 2022 which is great news. Can I just remind those parents that the second payment is due by 28 January 2022.

## New House Captains

In November, our annual electoral process took place and I am delighted to announce our new house captains:

- Bozhidar Georgiev – Bradford House
- Kristian Ninov – Allerton House
- Lily King – Winslow House
- Daniel Plaskitt-Stanley – Clyfton House



## Congratulations to Pluto Class



Pluto class have been very busy recently. Yesterday, they enjoyed a visit to Luke Jerram's 'Museum of the Moon' at Grimsby Minster. They were able to see where the moon landings took place and enjoyed sketching what they could see.

Recently, representatives from Pluto from years 4 and 6 took part in a Primary Panathlon at Beacon Academy, Cleethorpes. The children took part in a carousel of activities, including new age kurling and ten pin. The children performed superbly and came out as runners-up and each received a t-shirt, certificate and medal. Well done to them all!



If you would like to find out more about our wonderful children's achievements and activities, please see our social media sites – just a reminder, that we regularly update stories and photos to Twitter, Facebook and Instagram – we now have over 300 tweets!

## Race for Life

I just wanted to give you advanced warning that we will be holding a 'Race for Life' event at Pilgrim Academy next summer. This has provisionally been booked for the end of June 2022. Further to last





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year's massive charity run success, we wanted to put plans in place for another sponsored event to look forward to.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year. Happy Christmas from everyone at Pilgrim Academy!

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher

