

Homework –

Friday 27th November 2020



Miss Wall



Dear Parent/Carer

Just a reminder, as you are reading this, that Monday 30th November is an Inset Day and that on Wednesday 2nd December the school will be closing (apart from Nursery and Wraparound care) at 12.20pm to give people time to get ready for Paula's funeral. It has been lovely to read all the messages for Paula on the just giving page: she was much loved and it warms our hearts to see how she was valued.

When the children get back into school on Tuesday morning, we will have the school ready for Christmas. Coincidentally, I was just talking to my twenty-one-year-old daughter about teachers trimming up for Christmas and she told me nostalgically that **Christmas was always the best time** at school – and she got all excited about card giving and parties, even though that was quite a long time ago for her 😊. We are thinking of ways of doing 'covid-secure' Christmas cards (probably having a cut-off time and then a quarantine time for the cards before they are given out by teachers – but we will let parents know about that.) We also need to think about how to manage Christmas parties, but again, we will do our best and keep parents informed. I will be putting my angel bauble on the Christmas tree on Monday – the one I put on every year – and I will be thinking, where time has flown, seeing as the bauble was made by a child from this school who is now doing their GCSEs! I hope that lots of children will bring in a bauble for the tree, as they do every year.

A few minutes ago I went into Miss Cartwright's room where they were looking at the end of World War II and I had a fascinating chat with a boy who could tell me every detail of the Russian Revolution (1917-1923) in relation to the role of Russia in helping to end WWII in 1945. This was lovely as he had taught himself all of that simply because he loves History. I was in Reception yesterday and a four-year-old showed me a book he had brought from home about planets as that was what they were doing in class: bearing in mind, he wasn't able to read the book but he could certainly make use of it and he explained lots about the planets from it. I was also shown photographs of several planets (including the Saturn with its rings visible!) and close-ups of the moon, taken by the parents of one of the children in the class.

The point I am making, as an educator, is that it is wonderful to see learning going on **in class and at home** – because it is when that happens that children get the best chance of reaching their potential. It has been a rubbish few months in many respects, but love and hope keep battling against the darkness and show us promise for the future – and that is endlessly exciting!

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

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