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*Growing Hearts and Minds*

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## School Update: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Not too much to report this week as we move into some of the Christmas activities next week including our Year 1 nativities and our **Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day** on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. All children are invited to wear either a Christmas or their favourite jumper as part of their uniform on this day!

### PTA

Our PTA have very kindly agreed to support us in a major 'revamp' of our reading books this year.

We are having a huge sort out of our books to ensure that we have enough at the correct levels to really support our children with their reading. This week advisory teachers from Herts for Learning came into school to assist us with the process of selecting the necessary books to enhance our scheme – as well as removing some of the old ones - so we really welcome this kind contribution!

Also, the PTA will be supporting us by providing the funds to purchase another Chromebook trolley.

This will now mean that each year group in the juniors will have a set of 32 Chromebooks to use in their year group. In the summer the school invested in technology in our infants to ensure that there were 6 iPads in every classroom (we also have a trolley of iPads for the school) and we will continue to add technology to further expand/refresh our I.T. over the coming years.

Thank you to all of you for continuing to support our PTA events. Even in these challenging times our PTA are finding ways to raise funds. Our Christmas raffle tickets for example went out today! So please play if you can and/or join in with any of the other great activities that Gill and her team have set up for the end of term! Thank you!

### Covid cases

We currently have 14 confirmed pupil cases across the school with 1 member of staff. Of these, 6 of the children are due to have their final day of isolation on Monday. This is a bit of a fall on the previous



week and we hope that this continues. Thank you to everyone who is remaining vigilant – arranging PCR tests if you see possible signs in your children. A number of these end up being negative but we thank you for your caution!

### **Farewell Mr Klein!**

We said goodbye to our Hub play assistant Max Klein this week. Max has secured a role working in marketing – quite a change! We wish you all the best in your role Max.

Have a good weekend everybody.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Farrugia

