



We are now in the last couple of weeks of the autumn term and indeed the last few weeks of 2020! I wonder if there will be a greatly shared enthusiasm to welcome 2021 in and say goodbye to 2020?!

The children have already been enjoying lots of lovely Christmas activities and the staff will keep you up-to-date via the weekly communication diary about what is happening in school. Although this is a very different year, the children will still be finding out about Christmas traditions and each year group will share something they have been doing, linked to celebrating Christmas, via Tapestry.

This has been a different and challenging term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their support. We have all had to learn to do things differently and it isn't always easy but we appreciate your understanding with this, especially in relation to our expectations around Christmas and not having the same face-to-face contact. Please remember, if you want to discuss anything, you can use Tapestry to send a message to the class teachers and they will get in contact.

I hope that whatever your plans are for Christmas you are able to take the time to relax and enjoy family time together. Sending all our families our best wishes for a safe and wonderful Christmas and the promise of an exciting and positive new year.

Dates

Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children on Friday 11th December

Last day of Autumn term: Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January.

Back to school on: Monday 4th January 2021.

Feb Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2021.

The academic calendar can be found on the school website
<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/ardengrove-term-dates>

Covid Reminder – <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We just want to reassure you that if you need to let us know there is a positive case in your household, if you need to make contact with any Covid related concerns, we will check emails over the Christmas holidays. We will check office@ardengrove.norfolk.sch.uk most days over the holidays so please do not worry about emailing us if you need to.

Home School Association Update: A very big thank you to everyone for the incredibly generous gift donations for the annual hamper raffle. There will be lots of wonderful hamper prizes up for grabs, including the **£100** top prize! Better yet...there is still another week to buy your lucky tickets on SCOPAY!

Special Educational Needs (SEN): If you want to get in contact with Jennie Gregson, our Special Education Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDCo, her email address is below.
senco@ardengrove.norfolk.sch.uk

Staying Safe Online

We have been made aware there is some concerning and frightening content linked to Tik Tok.

If you are not aware of this, we hope the links below might be informative. You might find this is helpful to those families with older siblings.

<https://www.connectsafely.org/tiktok/> (this link contains some downloadable guidelines and help for parents)

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

Safeguarding

As part of our safeguarding work, it is important to make you aware that we are part of Operation Encompass. This is a joint scheme between Norfolk Constabulary and Norfolk Children's Services. One of our 3 school safeguarding leads will be notified of a child (in our school) who has been present, witnessed or involved in a domestic abuse incident. This notification will enable the school team to be aware and provide the best possible support for a child and indeed their families. Such an event will be very distressing, worrying and confusing and the notification helps us provide the best reassurance and safety possible.