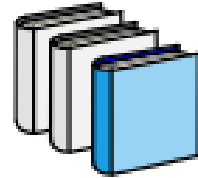




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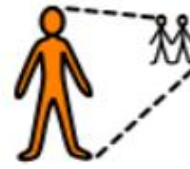
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- Message from the Headteacher
- Important Dates
- School News
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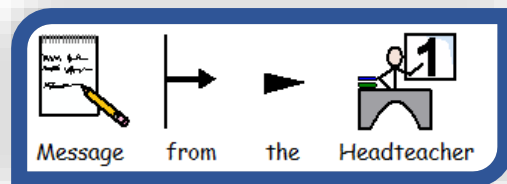


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that everyone who is isolating is out of isolation for Christmas.

It has been great to have the children back in school since September uninterrupted by national school closures. We know some children and staff have been absent due to Coronavirus and some of the classes have been impacted on due to class closures, but we have tried our best to make sure that whatever circumstance your child has found themselves in, their education has been able to continue as smoothly as possible.

It has been good to see children being able to attend a more 'normal' life in school with trips going out to local cafes, travel training, swimming, the Snow Dome, shops and soft play to name a few. A number of our young people have also been able to undertake external work experience which is so valuable for them.

There obviously have been some challenges along the way. It is always hard to make decisions around Coronavirus but decisions that have been made have been to help prevent the spread of the virus and keep everyone including extended families and the wider community safe. This of course brings some disappointments, but we have had to cancel some trips out and the winter fayre for parents, but we hope that the new year will give us opportunities to make up for this.

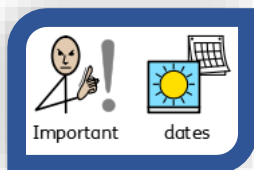
The children, staff and of course yourselves have been remarkably resilient as the way we have to live our lives is constantly changing. I hope everyone is able to have a good break over the Christmas holidays and re-charge themselves ready for whatever it is that January holds for us all. I am looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 10th January 2022 fit and well. In the case the government announce any further restrictions over the holiday period, we will of course be in touch.

Thank you for the continuing support you have given to your children and the staff over this term. It is really appreciated.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and some lovely family times. I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2022.

Take good care of yourselves.

Trish Turner- Head Teacher



Winter fayre	Last day of term (1/2 day closing)	First day of Spring term
Tuesday 21 st December 10am-12pm	Tuesday 21 st December 12pm	Monday 10 th January 2022

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New



Build



Bricks



Fantastic news! After lots of hard work over the last year working with planning, architects and having lots of site surveys, we have instructed builders to build a four classroom extension to school! This will be built next to the MUGA and as part of the build we will be knocking down the annex building which is currently on the playground. All being well we expect the build to start at the end of January and Mrs Turner has chosen the brick colour today! We will keep you updated on the progress of the build as it happens. The builders have predicted a 20 week build, so we should be finished in time for next academic year. Here is Mrs Turner with the plans and our brick colour.



Covid Testing over the Christmas break

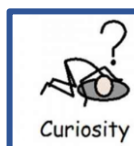
Please continue to test your secondary aged children twice a week and report the results via the link sent out in text. It is every Monday and Thursday morning.

Please email your class teams for additional testing kits.

If your child has cold like symptoms, PHE have advised your child stays at home to reduce transmission. Close contacts of COVID must do daily lateral flow tests for 7 days after contact, or self-isolate for 10 days.

Any sickness, diarrhoea or temperatures require children to be off for 48 hours since their last bout.

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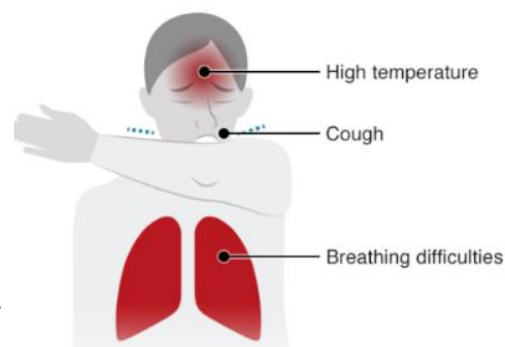
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What are the Coronavirus symptoms?

A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.
(You do not need to measure your temperature)

- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed. you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.



To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy, or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

What happens if my child develops Coronavirus symptoms at home?

You must keep your child off school if they develop Covid-19 symptoms. Your child must self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of your family should self-isolate for 10 days. You should also consider getting a test for your child or any family members with symptoms.

What happens if my child develops Coronavirus symptoms at school?

If your child develops symptoms at school, we will call you and ask you to collect your child. Your child will be unable to attend school for 10 days whilst they are self-isolate. In school, we will follow a strict process to ensure other pupils are safe and your child is kept safe and calm. We will provide home learning packs to support a school routine at home.

What should I do if my child has symptoms?

The Government advise anyone with COVID-19 symptoms gets a test.

How do I book a test for my child?

You can book a test through this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Does my child have to have a test?

We appreciate this may be a distressing experience for your child and therefore understand if you do not do this. We will still require your child to follow the self-isolation rules and be off school for 10 days.

When can my child return to school?

Your child can return to school after 10 days of isolation or after a negative test result and no one else in your household is symptomatic. You MUST email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk to inform the senior leadership team of the result before your child returns to school. You can also call or text 07930909976 with your child's name and test result.

If you have any questions, please email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk and we will get back to you within 24 hours. If you want to speak to someone on the phone, please call the school office on 0115 9733710.

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Please ensure pupils are aware of our online safety policy.

This sets out our expectations of pupils and aspirations for them too.

If something concerns you about what your child is doing on Teams or online, please report to
safeguarding@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk



How to be safe online:

- **Do** use your own log in and not other peoples
- **Do** follow the schools' online rules
- **Do** only use the websites that you are allowed
- **Do** check the age of games/apps/movies/music are appropriate
- **Do not** tell people your passwords
- **Do not** tell people your personal information, such as name, address, telephone number
- **Do not** arrange to meet people who you know online
- **Do not** use unkind words when talking, texting, or emailing someone
- **Do not** download anything without checking with an adult

These are the rules pupils **MUST** follow when on teams. If pupils behave inappropriately on Teams, they will have their accounts suspended to safeguard them, their peers, and staff.

What can I do if something online worries me?

- Tell someone
- Complete a school online safety log
- Call ChildLine if you are not at school 0800 1111

**If you do not know someone in real life,
do not be-friend them online**

Parent/ carer advice and guidance:

[Click here for DITOO magazine with updates on basic online safety
and up to date advice for experts](#)

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As a school we recognise how important online safety and confidence in using technology online plays for our young people. We have launched the iVengers Special Agent initiative in order to use the expertise of our young people to help themselves and others within school. Our recent launch assembly has been followed up by students applying to be Special Agents so they can help everyone in school stay safe. We will be discussing and designing online profiles as the next stage of our learning.



Taxis time

One of the Albatross taxi drivers has had LED lights fitted in his taxi to support the pupils as they come to and from school.



Careers



and



Personal



Development



Supported



Internships

We are keen to build relationships with a range of employers who would work with us on this fantastic opportunity. If you have any contacts or are keen to work with us, please send their details to:

pupildcareers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

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Hi everyone,

I thought I'd let you know what I have been up to over recent weeks.

I had my first haircut.

Look how smart I look!

I've been castrated and am now fully recovered. I've been out on walks with pupils from across school and visited classrooms regularly.

I'm excited to eat lots of treats over Christmas and seeing you all in the new year.

Love Teddy



Private



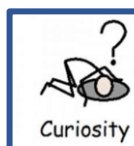
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Fund

We have had a contribution of £2900 from the Round Table Charity. This will be used to purchase a large screen and new bikes for our Brack Track.

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Children's Services Team



Hi, Mick Gayle here. I am the new Head of Pastoral Care. I joined in October and have been meeting as many of you as I can over recent weeks. I am keen to introduce myself to you all. I oversee safeguarding and manage the early help team. Here's some advice from us this Christmas.

Want to save water, check out Seven Trent's Get water fit site where you can have delivered free water saving gadgets such as shower timers, outdoor taps covers, lagging for pipe work. Answer a few simple questions and the items will be dispatched to you, great for the environment and the budget for those on water meters.



<https://www.stwater.co.uk/wonderful-on-tap/save-water/get-water-fit/>

Winter is an expensive time of the year, heating bills go up, electricity is used all day, with the rise in food costs, things can feel a little overwhelming. Derbyshire County Council have a new scheme called the Household Fund to support with everyday living costs such as utility bills, food and clothing. To access the fund you need to speak to The Children's services Team at school, who will do a quick assessment and take some details, these are passed to Derbyshire County Council and if agreed, they will text you a code to collect from the post office. Unfortunately this is only open to Derbyshire residents. If you would like support please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.Derbyshire.sch.uk. If you are a non Derbyshire resident and need support do also email us as there are other funds available that you might be able to access.



The following pages are external links and are being shared with you by the early help team. If you have any early help queries or would like some support at home, please email:

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10-11am-music & movement session!!

Free lunch provided!!

11-12am - Craft activities!

Vernon Suites (39 vernon st, Cotmanhay, Ilkeston, DE7 8PD)

Tuesday 4th-Thursdays 7th Jan 10-2pm

XMAS

HOLIDAY CLUB

Call Emma on 07896759024

Suitable for 0-8 yrs - adults must attend.

EMAIL OR CALL TO REGISTER YOUR FREE PLACE!

email
enrichingcommunitiescic@gmail.com

12.15-12.45- Lunch bags

12.45-2pm- Free play/games

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HAF funded Holiday Clubs

During the Christmas School Holiday, Premier Education is working with Local Authorities to ensure that the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme is delivered to communities in their areas. We recognise that the holidays can be difficult for some families due to increased costs, childcare, and reduced incomes.

Providing free Christmas holiday clubs to those in need of support helps to address the holiday experience gap some children encounter, giving school students access to healthy snacks and lunch during the holiday.

Christmas Holiday Camps activities

With a wide variety of multi-activity and sports sessions for your child to get stuck into during the Christmas school holiday, a Premier Education Holiday Camp is the perfect place to be for endless fun and games.

From football, drama and dance to festive-themed arts and crafts, each day at one of our winter clubs offers a new and exciting activity, ensuring children are kept entertained throughout the build-up to Christmas.

Who is eligible?

HAF-funded holiday camp provisions are available for families and students of the ages 5-11 who currently receive free school meals.

For more information about the HAF programme visit or make an enquiry on your eligibility [here](#).

Kirk Hallam

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ THE POD *LIMITED EDITION*

STREET SIDE JUNIORS

Wednesday 5th January
12:30 - 2 // £3/Session

Thursday 6th January
12:30 - 2 // £3/Session
for ages 8 -12

Wednesday 5th January
2:30 - 4 // £3/Session

Thursday 6th January
2:30 - 4 // £3/Session
for ages 11+

STREET SIDE

Please contact us to book a place!
info@parksidehigh.co.uk or 0115 9301000
Please speak to us about funded places!
 The POD
 17 Summerfields Way South Ilkeston DE7 9JJ














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KOALA KLUBS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES CLUB RUTLAND SPORTS PARK

27th December -7th January

8am- 6pm (some times may vary)

Ages 5- 11

Over 8's Program including
Laser Tag
Combat Archery
Nerf Wars



**Arts and
Crafts**

- 3D Nutcracker
- Glitzy Garland
- Make a reindeer
- Sizzling Snowflake
- Much more

Sports

- Swimming
- Football
- Dodgeball
- Archery
- Fencing
- Basketball

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.KOALAKLUBS.CO.UK

KOALA KLUBS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES CLUB WEST PARK LEISURE CENTRE

27th December -7th January

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our half term video](#)

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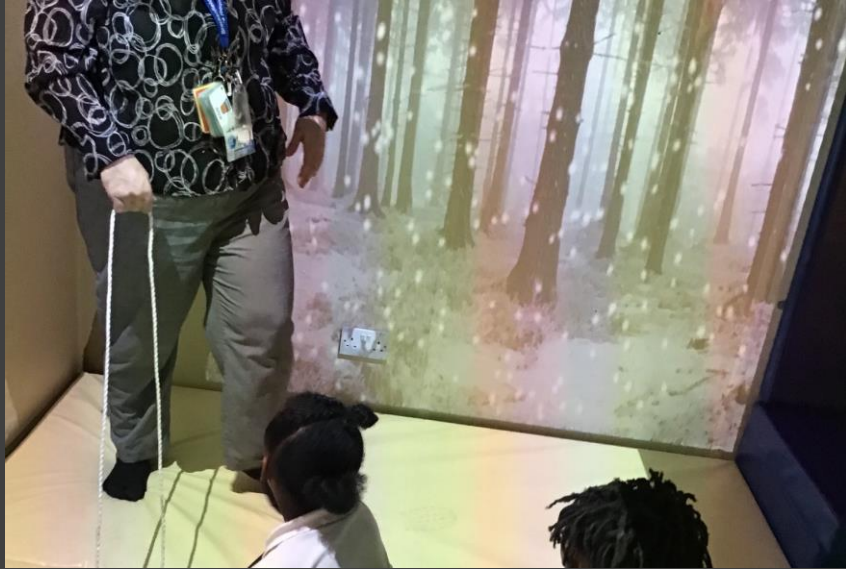


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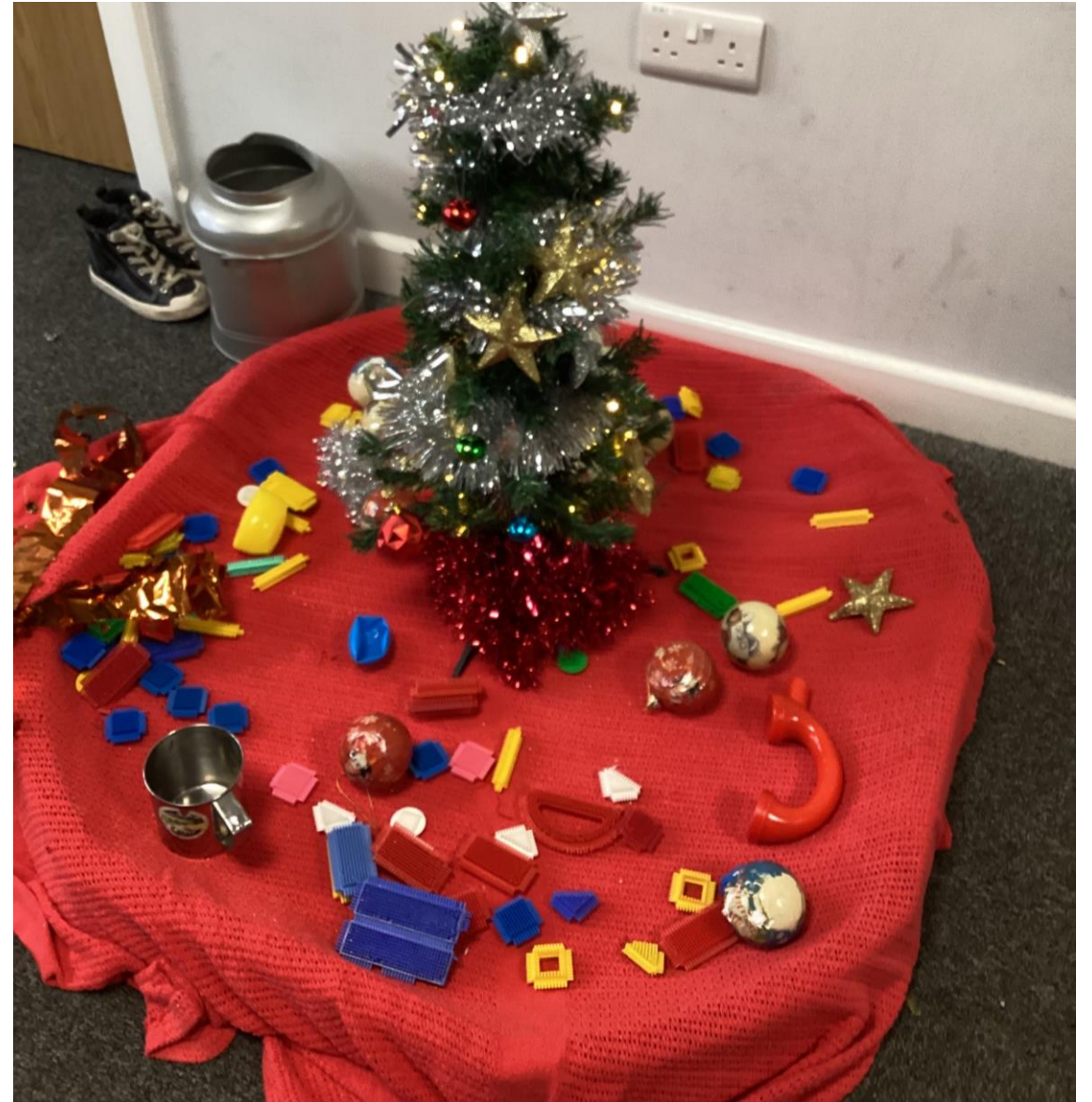






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Christmas
16/12/2021



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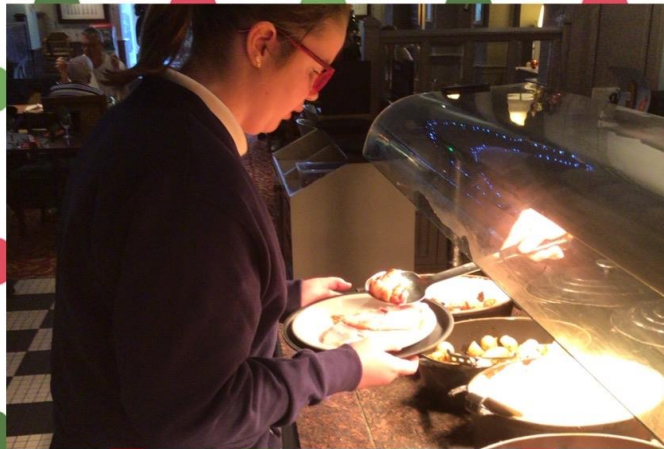








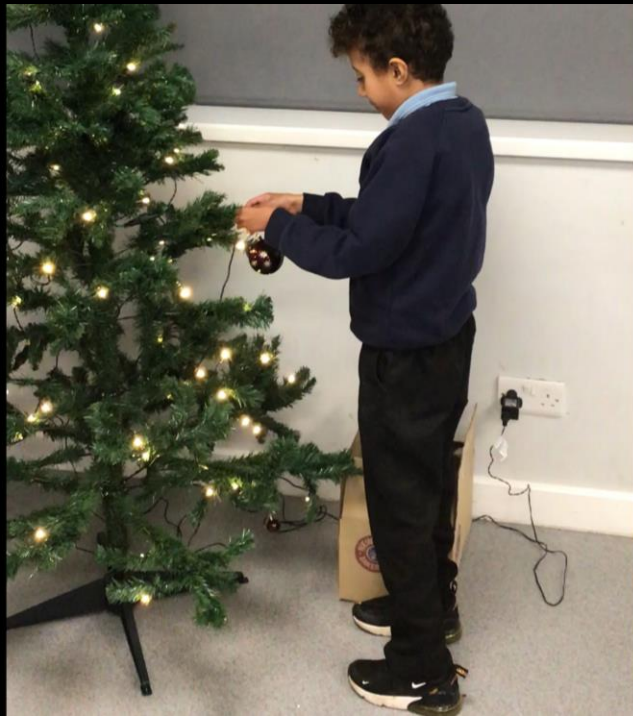
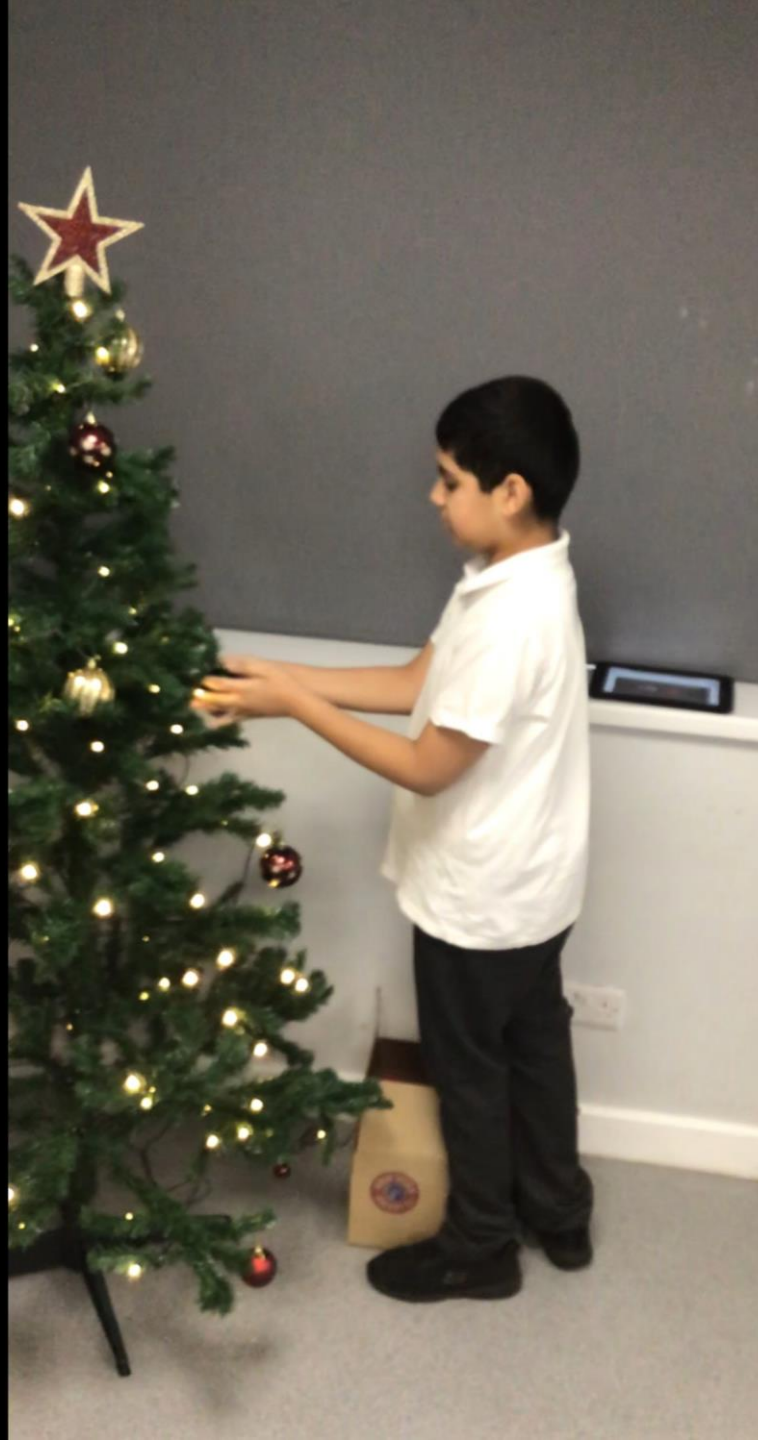




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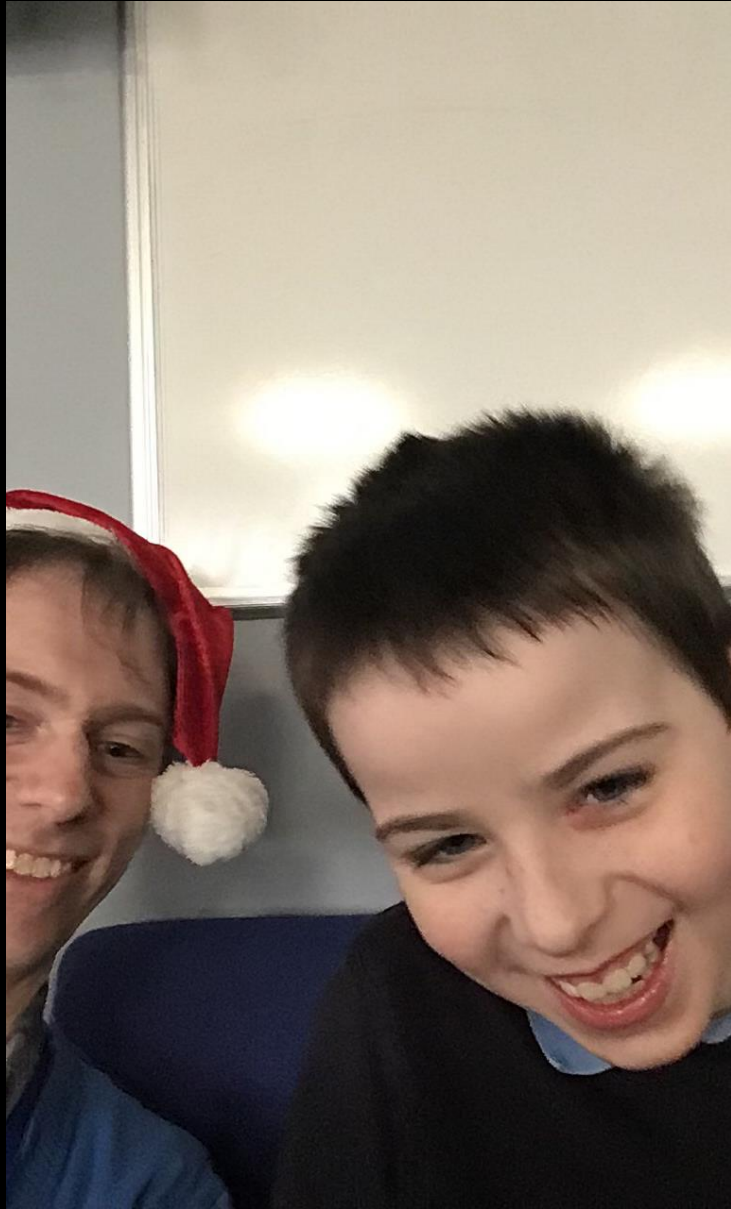






















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See you in
2022
everyone!
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