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17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Finally, we reach the end of one of the busiest and most challenging terms for all. The never ending COVID situation has certainly disrupted school life and we keep our fingers crossed for a return to more 'normal' times after the Christmas holiday. I would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting every decision we have had to make to keep us safe. I know how challenging it can be to have to drop everything to isolate your child.

The children have worked incredibly hard and clearly demonstrated our value of perseverance during such difficult times. Those that have isolated have returned ready to work hard and catch up on any missed learning and we have been so proud of their efforts. It has been particularly pleasing to see how many children are making an effort to read more often. We know how much reading for pleasure helps children to develop a wide vocabulary and this supports all other areas of the curriculum and particularly, writing.

Our Year 6 pupils have blown us away with their fundraising this term. Demonstrating our value of compassion, our Civic Award Pupils have organised a range of fundraising days in school and raised vast amounts of money for local and national charities. We are very proud of them.

We sadly have to say our goodbyes to Mrs Elliott this week. Mrs Elliott has been a valued and important member of the ASM Family for 13 years and her impact on so many pupils will I'm sure be remembered fondly. Mrs Elliot is responsible for many wonderful things here at ASM but two of my favourites are our gorgeous reading dogs and their wonderful owners and the Civic Award. Mrs Elliott promises not to be a stranger and that she will pop in regularly to check in on our Civic Award pupils whilst keeping plenty of time to enjoy her retirement with her husband and their (slightly naughty) dog!!

Despite having to return to bubbles and cancelling our in person events we have still managed to have some Christmas fun. Miss Burton and Miss Robertson became film directors so that our youngest classes could still perform in their Nativity. We hope you enjoyed the film as much as we did. We have also enjoyed; biscuit making with Mrs Armstrong, Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and a million Christmas themed stories. Also, thanks to Mrs Monaghan and the PTA, children have had fun making decorations to take home, enjoyed the online pantomime and shown us their crazy moves in the Christmas disco. Without the support of the PTA these events couldn't happen, so thank you so much from us all.

I am also delighted to let you all know that we have a new member of staff starting with us next term. Mr Thorne will be the new SENDco across ASM and our sister school Dunsford. Mr Thorne is an extremely experienced senior leader and has worked in London schools for the last few years.



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Mr Thorne along with his wife and baby daughter are moving back to Devon where he grew up and we are very excited to have him on board.

Finally, keep those fingers and toes crossed for a calm start to the spring term. Please follow government guidance so that we can all be as safe as possible but most importantly have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs L Secker

Head of Academy

