

December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of an extremely busy term, we are writing to you with information about the end of term and arrangements for January.

Thank you for your support this term. It has meant all students can attend school and experience their full curriculum. Many of you have sent in your thank you messages for teachers and other school staff; if you have not yet done this and wish to do so, please email thankyou@pcs.hants.sch.uk.

The final day of the term is Friday, 18 December. This day is always particularly special at Park and, although we will celebrate in a different way in-line with current restrictions, we hope it will be a memorable end to the term.

On Friday, 18 December, students will have normal lessons in periods 1 and 2 before returning to tutors to begin Christmas celebrations. All years will collect a 'grab and go' Christmas lunch, which will be provided free of charge. In tutor bases activities will include a Park Christmas film and virtual Christmas concert. Students will be dismissed from school in year groups between 12.20 and 12.30pm. Students can wear their Christmas jumpers instead of blazers on this day, but must wear full uniform apart from these. Masks continue to be expected.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dare, Mrs Harrison, Mr Armstrong and Mr Richards at the end of term. Mrs Dare has worked at Park for 20 years and will have supported many of you and your children over this time. Mrs Harrison leaves us after 14 years having inspired many students in English and many teachers in her role of teaching and learning. Their contributions over their time at Park have had a significant impact on our school and we know you would like to join us in thanking them for the difference they have made and wishing them every happiness in their future endeavours.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will be sent a separate letter outlining how to access eVouchers over the Christmas period, these can be used to purchase food for your children.





When we return after Christmas, current restrictions are likely to remain in place. There may even be further regulations. Please ensure your child returns ready to learn. This includes bringing their bag with books and equipment, wearing full school uniform and bringing a mask. Please remember that no makeup is permitted in Years 7, 8 and 9 and no child in any year is permitted to wear false eyelashes or nails.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If your child has any Covid-19 symptoms, siblings must also stay at home until the child with symptoms has a negative test result. Isolating will continue to be important next term to help reduce transmission of Covid-19.

Finally, we would like to wish you and your families a safe and very happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 4 January.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Anders".

Christopher Anders
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ella Capaldi".

Ella Capaldi
Head of School