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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a busy Half Term, getting the new classrooms ready. The new furniture and state of the art equipment is arriving daily and will look amazing once it is all put together. The children have shown great resilience and flexibility throughout this whole experience and we are very proud of them.

We continue to follow government guidelines for COVID-19, so please keep an eye on the latest information- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Our family is expanding, we will be welcoming new staff and pupils in January. We are excited to welcome Iwona as a teacher who will have Kierran assisting her in KS3. We also welcome Reece and Sahar who are our new Teaching Assistants working in KS4. As you may have read in the Heads Up flyer, our therapists have also been visiting this month and are keen to get to know the children and young people.

Did you spot the Elf on the Shelf?

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School events:

- **On 11th November we had a minute's silence in remembrance of our fallen heroes and their families**
- **We supported Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks whilst the children were at home learning due to noisy building work**
- **And we put the Christmas Trees up**



Diary Dates: Term 3 - 2021	
Inset Day	Monday 4 th January 20201 Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
Start of Term	Tuesday 5 th January 20201 @ 8:45
End of term	Thursday 11 th February 2021
Holiday	15/02/21-19/02/21
Diary Dates: Term 4- 2021	
IEP Day	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Start of Term	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021
End of Term	1 st April 2021
Holiday	02/04/21-16/04/21
Inset Day	19 th April 2021 Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils

Cedar Class News:

On returning to school this term, Cedar class adapted well with changes to their class.

In maths, we have been working on ratios and multiplication/dividing fractions.

The students have been looking at different properties of writing in English, learning how to use similes, personification and metaphors in their writing.

During our outdoor education, the students have been participating in geocaching in the local area, working together in teams to find checkpoints and navigate using maps.

In employability, the students have been exploring future careers and partaking in mock interviews.



Beech Class News:

Beech class have been working hard to improve their independence skills. They have used their Maths knowledge to be able to adapt recipes according to the amount of ingredients that they had, using their knowledge of ratio. Hopefully, they will be able to recreate some of these recipes for you.

The children have also been creating logo's in groups. They have looked at identifying logos in the environment and investigated some famous logos to find out the meaning behind them. They crafted logo quizzes and tested each other's knowledge. They are now exploring the colours used in advertising and their meanings.

In Science the children have looked at experiments and made predictions about what the thought might happen. Afterwards they looked at the theory behind why the experiments worked. They were fascinated and set up their own experiments based on these.

For PE they have practiced playing dodgeball. They have all improved their throwing skills and their confidence. The children are now focused on Christmas and looking forward to an improved 2021.



Oak Class News:

All sorts going on in Oak, including pirates, exploring the physics of den building and of course, Christmas.

Letters to Santa sent!

