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**Thank You**



On behalf of the whole staff team I would like to thank you for the gifts, cards and encouraging messages that we have received this week. We are very grateful for your kindness.

**PTA**

Thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly with the PTA. The PTA funds are used to enhance the education and wellbeing of the children and also provide additional school resources for them. In addition to the new iPads provided this term they have funded the meal at the Lambert Arms, subsidised the pantomime, held a Christmas wreath workshop, run a school disco and offered mulled wine and mince pies at Christmas events. There are new and exciting projects planned for the new year. On behalf of the staff and children I want to thank them for everything they do – we really appreciate it. Thank you also to everyone who supports their work with your generous donations and the time given.



**Aston Rowant Brilliant Blog**



We are delighted that the first edition of the school newsletter, Aston Rowant Brilliant Blog, has gone live on the school website, you'll find its own tab under the 'Childrens' tab. We are grateful to our amazing editors, Harry, Joanie, Oliver and Bodie for their incredible work and to Mrs Healy for her support. Do take time to read it – it is a joy. There are some cracking jokes, an article on remembrance, a book review and an interview with the one and only Miss Williams.

**Attendance Matters**

On Monday we sent out a letter for all children with their attendance levels for the Autumn Term. Please do look at your child's attendance levels. Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. For example, if a child is absent for three days over a term they could miss 15 lessons in total which may not be repeated. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they will perform now and in the future. This week OCC have contacted the school as they too are concerned about our low attendance figures.



**Stationery**



We have had a number of children without the stationery items that they require for their learning this term. As a reminder KS1 and KS2 children need a pencil case with: pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler, glue stick, coloured pens/pencils. KS2 also need blue ink pens (no biro's). Please ensure that the children have spare pens or ink cartridges too. These make wonderful stocking fillers if the children are running low.

**Safeguarding Matters**

We know that children often use their parents' phones and some Year 6 children will receive a phone for Christmas. There is a useful resource that has been developed by EE and is designed to help children stay safe when using a phone. The link is: <https://eephonesmart.co.uk/>



There is a lovely PC Ben Christmas story released for the children, see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1UDOdCy\\_Ys](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1UDOdCy_Ys)

**Finally**

All that remains for me to do is wish everybody a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you back again on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

**Happy Christmas!**  
**From all the staff team**

January	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Consultation about becoming a VA school- parents, carers and local community 6:30pm in school hall
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA meeting EVENING

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