

NW/LR

December 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you are all well and deep into your preparations for Christmas. This term has been a good one with so many positives that has filled me with great pride for what our school is about. The staff and children have worked incredibly hard both in and out of the classroom and have all shown great character. Christmas has come at the right time and is well deserved present for all at The Bemrose School.

I was so pleased earlier this month to be invited to E4E Careers Awards. As a school, we had a number of nominees in different sections. It was fantastic to see children stood on the stage at the University of Derby collecting awards. The event concluded with the nomination for Careers School of the year. I was delighted that The Bemrose School was a nominee and ecstatic when we won the award. This award sums up the work we do as a school with all from the very youngest children to the eldest. Can I thank the work of Claire Pavitt and also all of the staff who offer such a deep and meaningful careers experience all of our children.

We have worked hard to look at what post Covid recovery will look like. We are running activities out and in school including

- Careers for year 10 and 11
- Trips to University for year 10-13
- Work experience at Toyota
- Trip to London
- Saturday School
- Trip to Houses of Parliament
- Theatre trip
- Catch up sessions before and after school
- Trips to the cinema
- Sports fixtures
- Speakers attending school
- School swimming

And many more.....

As long as it is safe, we will continue to offer activities that would broaden our pupil's horizons and provide them experiences that will set them aside from others.

A pupil in Year 5 entered a competition to design a Christmas card for the local Derbyshire MP. Amanda Solloway, who had recently visited the school to look at the refurbishment, judged Zunairah's card to be the best. This is the card that Amanda has adopted and has sent across the constituency and to others. There is a wonderful picture of Amanda presenting her card to the Prime Minister with Zunairah's fantastic artwork on show for all to see. Well done.

Can I reiterate my request for parents and carers to park and drive considerably around school. we need to think about the safety of our children but also the residents. It will not hurt the vast majority of our children to walk a few 100 metres away from school, where cars are parked, to be collected rather than cars battling to park as close to the driveway as they can. Cars cannot park on double yellow lines, or across peoples drives. The SNT and highways have agreed that they will penalty notice drivers of cars who are unsafe or inconsiderate. They have my full support because we are talking about the safety of people here.

As I reflect on 2021, I look positively on the great work of the pupils and staff with a lot of work that has gone on at school, on trips, and in the community. We have achieved a lot, my goal is to achieve more in 2022.

Can I wish you all a very merry, healthy and relaxed break. I hope you can celebrate the festivities and all welcome the New Year in. I hope that 2022 will be a good year for us all with lots to do and successes to celebrate that has Bemrose children and staff at the centre of all we do. We look forward to welcoming all of the children back on Monday 10th January 2022.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes

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