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## Newsletter w.e. 19th November 2021

Hi everyone—we hope you are all well and ready for the countdown to Christmas!

We appreciate that this has been a challenging time generally with a local rise in covid cases and illness generally. We do hope as a community we are on the way out of a few tricky weeks in terms of covid. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused by temporarily closing classes, we endeavour to keep the school as open as much possible. In order to do this we have introduced additional measures including increased wearing of masks, essential visitors only and RAFA café closed for a second week. Public Health Dorset have reassured us that we have good mitigations in place and rapid response has helped reduce further transmission. To prevent temporary closure of some classes, we have introduced a temporary rota system for children in classes with staff shortage.



We hosted a visit last Friday for local MP, Michael Tomlinson, Councillor Parry and Dorset's Director of Education, Vik Verma. It was a positive meeting celebrating our exciting expansion plans. They enjoyed a reduced school tour and we had the opportunity to highlight buildings on our current site that require replacing. They were particularly impressed with our Forest School area - see photo.

Our fantastic, supportive Friends Association (PTA) continues to recruit new members, particularly anyone with an interest in the Secretary or Treasurer roles. Please contact the school office for further information. They have organised Beaucroft school tea towels to raise funds. Some interesting self-portraits and the perfect Christmas gift!

Diane Makariou / Joe Barnett

### Dates for the diary:

**Children in Need Day 19th November - Mufti Day** (Donations via School Gateway please)

**Parent Consultations— virtual**

week beginning 22nd November 2021  
(individual class teachers to arrange)

**Xmas coffee mornings—week beginning December 6th 2021**

**Last day of Autumn term—December 17th 2021**

**Start of Spring Term—4th January 2022**

**Extra bank holiday for Platinum Jubilee—6th June 2022**



### Covid Message: UPDATE

Please do help us to keep the community here at Beaucroft as safe as possible by completing tests at home twice weekly.

We have had an increase in positive cases this term and we have had to close a small number of classes for a short period due to significant staff illness at times. Please continue to support us by keeping your child at home if they are presenting as being poorly. We will do all we can to keep as open as possible.

Please also keep your child at home if there is covid within the household. There is often a delayed transmission within families. This request is supported by Public Health Dorset.

