



Dear Parent or Carer,

We're Almost There...

In a year with so many challenges, the one constant has been your wonderful children. They responded well to working from home, were a delight when they returned after lockdown and have made the most of us being in school every day, unlike students in other parts of Britain, who have not been as fortunate as us. Over the last few weeks, students have been collecting Christmas treats for their House hampers, which this year have been distributed to worthy causes. Langness have sent theirs to Elder Grange Care Home, Patrick have sent theirs to homeless charity, Graih, Maughold to Women's Aid, Hillary to the Foodbank and Conister to St. Christopher's. Thank you to everyone who contributed; almost 100 hampers have been distributed.

ParentApp

Many of you have already downloaded Parent App. Take-up is already high and increasing by the day. Some of you have already sent positive feedback about the ability to monitor your child's attendance record, check on praise points and receive electronic copies of snapshots. It is quickly becoming one of our main communication channels. Our intention is to make increasing use of Parent App in 2021, not least because it is more cost effective than our current communication system, InTouch. This will include giving you live access to your child's behaviour log. I will update you about this in the New Year.

If you have not yet done so, please download the app first and then register by following the instructions in the email sent out earlier this year. Please search your inbox and junk mail for CAPITA. If you have any technical problems, in the first instance please contact school via bhsenquiries@sch.im or on 648700.

Staff Changes

There will be some changes of teachers for students. We are saying goodbye to some colleagues; others have new responsibilities in school, and some are on maternity leave. We are also re-deploying some staff to target support where it is most needed.

Some Important Information if Your Child is in Year 8

Miss Farooq will be taking over as Head of Year 8 in January. She knows the year group well because she was their Assistant Head of Year previously. We would like to thank Mr McDonald for all his work leading the year group.

Advance Notice if Your Child is in Year 9

The Options Evening will take place on Monday 1st February 2021.

And Finally...

I wish you and your family a peaceful and happy Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2021. School re-opens for all students on Tuesday 5th January.

Kind regards,

Adrienne Burnett
Head Teacher