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*St Thomas' Church: farewell to Rev. Georgina*

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# Parish Council News

## **Covid: local update**

**On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we go into a new lockdown** until at least 2nd December. We were just about to release this newsletter and although we've put in a couple of updates, each contributor will be looking at how it affects their area and will get in touch with their people. E.g. Nicolle is already amending her Facebook page. If you don't have access to the Internet, and are unsure about how lockdown affects you, ask a neighbour / buddy or call Cllr Mike Wilson (01829 760619) who will try and help. In relation to the Eaton Buddy System, if anyone needs help with shopping etc, please get in touch and we'll try and find someone for you. The delivery service offered by supermarkets and shops such as Rose Farm continues to work well.

## **Your Parish Council**

We continued with Zoom meetings in September and October and these work well for looking at things such as planning applications and various items in this Newsletter. Cllr Mike Wilson is handing over some of his responsibilities (see below) for a quieter life!!

## **Speeding through Eaton**

We've been working with the police, who have been using speed cameras and slowing drivers speeding through the village. Covid has delayed other ideas, such as a Community Speed Watch initiative, but these will be pursued in due course.

## **Our Village Green**

The wall by the telephone box, partly knocked down by a wagon last year, is finally being repaired in the next couple of weeks, financed by our insurance company.

Advice has been sought about the growth of the two Canadian Oaks on the Green, which could reach 30m high! Scottish Power has also been involved, as their cables go through the middle. Financing regular cropping has to be addressed but it has been agreed that something needs to be done.

### **Village Green leaf clearance**

**An initial pick-up (each given their own bag) will take place this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - 9am to noon**

Unfortunately, Covid doesn't stop the leaves from falling from the two oaks on the Green. Once again, we're asking for volunteers to help with leaf collection, which this year will be from **9am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. This will be the eighth year that this has taken place, stemming from complaints of leaves blocking drains and looking a mess. **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> may be cancelled.**

With up to 30 volunteers, we've usually done the job done by 10.30am. Unfortunately this year we'll have to keep 2m apart and will not be socialising afterwards. **But please come along with gloves, rakes and 'big hands'** if you have them, as otherwise the 30 one-tonne bags will take hours to fill. Cheshire West Council collects the bags on the Monday.

### **Roadside hedge cut**

This is the fifth year that councillors Eddie Shaw and Mike Wilson have arranged this for villagers with roadside hedges that, for road safety reasons, are difficult to cut. Costing £15 to £25 per customer (depending on hedge length), this is great value. The cut is done by local contractor Jamie and is an agricultural cut (as seen on farmers' hedges) and residents are expected to clear up afterwards. Why not join the scheme this year, which will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> November? To book, please **contact Mike via [mike.marywilson@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.marywilson@btinternet.com)**.

## **Eaton Youth Club**

Our local Youth Club started in 2011 but is now short of officials and leaders. Meeting once a week at the school, many hours of enjoyment have ensued. But, with Mary and Mike now bowing out, it needs volunteers to take over as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as more helpers. This was discussed by the Parish Council. Unless a new structure is set up, the Youth Club may have to close. If you can help, please contact our Parish Clerk, Lindsey.

## **Eaton Play Zone**

This has been much used since re-opening in July. Anti-vibration material was fitted to the MUGA fencing after complaints of 'rattle noise' when hit by footballs. This made a significant improvement but the far end still has to be done. The duty rota was suspended at the re-start but will resume on 1<sup>st</sup> November. **The Play Zone may have to be closed during lockdown.**

## **The great apple juice venture**



Co-ordinated by Anne Kelly of the Drays last month, a trailer load of apples from the village was taken to Ollies Orchard, Kelsall, and processed into 270 bottles of pure apple juice. The bottles were then labelled with the name 'Orchards of Eaton Apple Juice' and sold from the Drays. There are still a few bottles of this lovely drink for sale. Call Anne on 01829 730594.

All profits of the venture go to Tarporley Hospital.

## Golf Day

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, we finally held the previously postponed Village Golf Day. In common with most national and international sporting events, Covid-19 meant that most of the biggest names in golf were unable to attend and the crowd numbered zero for the same reason. Sadly, two of our region's Legends of Golf, Rosemary and David Lilley, were absent due to self-isolation.

However, this meant that the rule of six remained unbroken both on the course and at the subsequent prize giving. The Texas Scramble competition was fiercely contested on the Arderne Course in surprisingly dry weather. It was won by the team of Mike Wilson, Lloyd Kelly and Nick Parker, by a margin of 1.7 shots. The runners up were Richard Potton, Paul Clisby and Declan Kelly.



*The triumphant trio- Nick, Mike and Lloyd*

The players then retired to the garden of Sapling Cottage, where Wendy Parker produced some excellent bacon and egg baps, with tea, coffee and the odd beer. Much to the relief, I'm sure, of Anne Kelly and to the horror of Mary Wilson, Mike has volunteered to look after the much-coveted trophy until next year.

Thank you to everyone who took part: David Lilley for organising; Wendy for the food; and especially to Lloyd Kelly for getting back from London for the weekend in order to play. Hopefully next year, fully vaccinated, we'll be able to welcome back more players.

Nick Parker

## **Oulton Mill picnic area**

This popular Parish facility hasn't had to be closed during the pandemic. We get many visitors from outside our area who appreciate the wonderful view across the lake. Although the mown grass looked good this year, the meadow grass area will have to wait until next year. **The area will stay open during lockdown.**

## **No Christmas lunch this year**

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Christmas lunch that's usually held for parishioners at Oulton Park won't take place this year.

## **Flooded Roads**



Photos and a request for action have been sent to CWaC about the worst areas of road flooding. These are on Sapling Lane, Dogmore Lane and Oulton Mill Lane. The initial response is that with reduced budgets, this work will have to wait. However,

your PC is pushing for action as these areas have been a problem for some time and are very dangerous when icy weather occurs.

**Latest update:** At the end of October, workmen started to install drains and gullies on Dogmore Lane - so it's worthwhile to keep nagging!

## Our rural parish farms

We're so lucky to have beautiful scenery, wildlife and productive fields that supply milk, meat, vegetables and cereals - and employ a large workforce throughout the year.

We get the odd comment about the number of agricultural vehicles passing through our parish but farming has to be a commercially viable industry and transport is an essential part of that. Bearing this in mind, at the October Parish Council meeting, it was suggested that when Covid restrictions allow, we'll contact farmers in our parish about arranging visits by residents and families to the varied and excellent facilities that many won't have seen before.

So when these current restrictions are more relaxed, look out for the invitation that we'll send round. It's highly recommended by some of us already lucky enough to have had visits.

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## The Jessie Hughes Village Hall

*Since these contributions were received, the lockdown has changed practically everything. They should therefore be read with the knowledge that the Jessie Hughes **isn't** allowed to remain open and will be closed from **Wednesday 4 November**. We hope to be able to re-open from the end of lockdown (December 2nd) but will need to be guided by any changes in government decrees.*

*We recently ran a socially-distanced Tea'n'Chat which everyone enjoyed – but we reluctantly cancelled the most recent one, as some of our older members feel more at risk than before and are reluctant to join in. But Quiz Nights, Film Nights and the Bridge Club are definitely off until at least the New Year, as we can't really run these events and guarantee proper social distancing.*

*We're very grateful to Jan Freeman and her small team for getting the hall into its current Covid-secure state and putting all the necessary procedures in place. The rules keep changing and it's an ongoing job. Hand sanitisers are now installed around the hall and additional cleaning is taking place to meet the guidance. However, individual hirers also have a responsibility to clean before and after their activities. Some village halls have given up and have decided to stay closed until things are back to normal.*

*The JHVH is a charity and effectively operates as a small business with costs and income. Like many businesses, our costs are pretty much fixed and our current income is well down. Unfortunately, we've spent a considerable amount making the hall Covid-secure and intend to spend more to upgrade the technology available to hall hirers.*

*Consequently, we're running at a loss at present – and will continue to do so for an unpredictable time. However, thanks to our financial prudence over the good times, our cash reserves are in good order and we can hopefully keep our head above water until things get back to something like normal.*

## **The AGM**

*We were able to hold a delayed, socially-distanced, AGM in September (it's normally in March). We invited you all, and a small number actually turned up. We agreed the accounts up to the end of 2019 and elected a new committee. Paul Healey stood down as Chair, and John Freeman was elected as the new Chair – in an interim capacity, he keeps insisting. All other committee members and officers remain in post and we were very pleased to welcome two new committee members, Michael and Helen Hutchinson.*

*We're grateful to Paul for staying in post as Chair until we could hold an AGM. He's guided us through thick and thin for a number of years and always retained an inscrutable demeanour. He remains on the committee as an ordinary member.*

*If anybody would like a copy of the JHI Accounts for 2019, please ask me. A summary will be available soon on the Charity Commission website.*

## **Hall Manager**

*Hilary Healey has always said that she will be resigning as Hall Manager at the end of the year. She's always been a Jessie committee member, but because we pay the manager she had to step down – but she continued to attend committee meetings by invitation to keep us informed about what was happening.*

*Looking back at what the job was like when Hilary took on the role, it's amazing how much it has changed. Because of modern communications, she's been able to carry out most of what she does from their place in the Lake District. We're incredibly grateful for what Hilary has done for the hall since taking on the role - and we're beginning to appreciate how hard it will be to find a replacement. She's always been super-efficient and a great 'first contact' representative for the hall. She'll be greatly missed by the committee and all our hirers.*

*We'll be looking for a new Hall Manager to take over in March. A full job description and more details will be circulated in a separate message in February. However, if anybody fancies doing a bit for the Jessie and wants to talk about it some more, please just have a quiet word with one of the committee.*

## **The electricity meter**

*After what seems like an age, this has now been moved to a higher location. This means that we can actually 'read' it without having to lie on the floor! But the saga may not be completely over. The nice lady engineer who moved the meter noted that it is now giving error messages and needs to be replaced!*

## **Ongoing maintenance**

*The hedges around the car park have continued to grow – another ongoing cost. Anyway, they've all been cut and the place looks tidy again. Also, the wall which faces the car park from the terrace has been painted. But it was noted that rain water from the terrace is continuing to find its way behind the wall cladding and this will require attention in the not too distant future.*

## **Broadband at the JHVH**

*Another consequence of the Covid pandemic is that some previously regular class members are feeling less secure about attending in person. Reacting to this, some class teachers have been trying to use the Internet and 'stream' some of their lessons. This isn't possible from the Jessie at the moment. However, the committee has decided that we need to move forward and a contract has now been placed with BT for broadband services. But it isn't straightforward. Regulars will know that we don't even have a telephone line at the moment – and having a landline is the first stage in making progress. We can then move forward step by step. The ultimate goal is to have 'super-fast' broadband available in the main hall and in the meeting room. Watch this space.*

## **A website for the JHVH**

*The JHVH actually has a website at the moment - but how many of you have seen it or know how to find it? It's buried in the Parish Council website – and when you do go there it is a poor effort. So we've decided that this needs some attention. We don't want to produce an amateurish attempt – so we need help. Of course, we also know that building the website is only the beginning – maintaining it is just as important. Nothing is worse than an obviously out-of-date website. Actually, we already have some help in this area. We have some archived photos of the Jessie and its activities and Helen Hutchinson is a professional photographer, so getting some good pictures for our site should be possible.*

Ron Chisnall (Village Hall Secretary)

## **Website (ctd)**

*As mentioned in Ron's report, The Jessie Hughes Committee wants to set up its own website. Google has a small section on us – gleaned from some unknown source – which gives a very bad and inaccurate impression of the Hall.*

*We need help from somebody who has experience and/or the ability to help us to create our own dedicated site. It doesn't need to be complicated – just a few photos, a bit of history, contact details and a weekly pro-forma showing current bookings (which can be easily changed by the committee as bookings change).*

*Do you know anybody who can point us in the right direction to get started? Limited funds may be available. Please, in the first instance, contact me (01829 730820) or Ron (01829 73382).*

John Freeman

## **Local activities**

### **Yoga**

#### **Yoga is returning to the Jessie Hughes in November**



A gentle flow yoga class. A Mind Body & Spirit workout....so good for your overall wellbeing.

Tuesdays 11:15am - 12:30pm

Block bookings only.

Please contact Brenda on 07876497664

Email: [mccoeyjc@gmail.com](mailto:mccoeyjc@gmail.com)

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Facebook: brendayogaclasses

*Brenda McCooley - **Contact Brenda to see how lockdown will affect this***

## Ballet



Thanks to the hard work of the Jessie Hughes Covid Committee, Pointe Works was able to re-open its doors on 7th September to existing pupils over the age of five. Although the classes look a bit different, the children are getting a great deal out of being back. I'm doing everything I can to keep the set-up 'Covid-safe'. The classes are socially distanced, Household Health declarations are mandatory before each lesson and the parents are all signing up to the NHS Track and Trace scheme. The hall is deep cleaned regularly and I'm carrying out cleaning between each group. The younger groups each have their own Prop bag, which lives at the hall and contains all the equipment they need for their lessons. This has been a wonderful and safe way to keep part of the enjoyment and normality they used to have during lessons.

About three quarters of the families have returned but some prefer to wait until things are more settled. This is understandable and has enabled me to keep classes small and safe.

Children who were due to take exams in June have the opportunity this term to film them and send them to the Royal Academy for marking. I'm delighted that their hard work hasn't been wasted and they'll be able to get the rewards they deserve later in the year.

A couple of new students will be welcomed to Pointe Works after half term if more restrictions aren't imposed. For more information about ballet classes, please email [nicolle@pointeworks.co.uk](mailto:nicolle@pointeworks.co.uk).

*Nicolle Higgins* *Nicolle will get in touch with her students re. lockdown*

## Up The Garden Path



### **Fruit, veg and plant exchange**

Eaton Gardening Group (Up the Garden Path) would usually have a stall at Tarporley Carnival, with part of the money raised going to Tarporley War Memorial Hospital. This year, to enable a socially-distanced event, whilst supporting a local business and the hospital, the Gardening Group began their Fruit, Veg and Plant Exchange.

On the first Saturday of each month from July to October, gardening group members met at The Drays for coffee and cake (served through the hatch). Members brought a selection of fruit, veg and plants, and Tarporley Garden Centre kindly donated some plants and bulbs - and the first ever exchange took place. The idea was that for every item you brought, you could take home an item for free. Anyone wanting to take home additional fruit, veg or plants could make a donation to the Hospital. Thanks to everyone who donated produce, to Tarporley Garden Centre, and to The Drays coffee shop for hosting the events. A staggering £900 (including Gift Aid) was raised from the summer events.

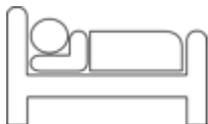
The Gardening Group has decided not to hold any speaker evenings at present. This will be reviewed in the New Year

Gardening Group members regularly chat via e-mail. If anyone wants to join in, or if you have any questions, please email [lindsey.worrall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lindsey.worrall@hotmail.co.uk) and we can include your questions to the group.

Membership of the Gardening Group costs £20 a year. There are no other fees except for garden visit costs. Alternatively, you can attend meetings as a guest for £3 an evening.

*Lindsey Worrall (01829 760653)*

## **Tarporley War Memorial Hospital**



In days with so many constraints, it's remarkable to see the imaginative fundraising done on our behalf. To everyone partaking in events by the fantastic Drays / Gardening Group, an enormous 'Thank you'! Also to anyone else helping us out, because the hospital faces enormous financial challenges due to the pandemic. Trustees and staff are working incredibly hard on your behalf but have an uphill battle. The hospital has been unable to secure funding from the awards made by the government to health charities or from the NHS charities. It really is unbelievable! The hospital spent a fortune on building a Nightingale Facility and providing PPE, none of which was funded and then lost chunks of

income due to having reduced facilities. We've been here 100 years so we need to maintain our resilience to survive.

Now for some really great news! We're delighted to announce that the Minor Injuries Service is now back up and running, after being temporarily closed during the pandemic when hospital resources were diverted to become a local standby Nightingale hospital. Minor injuries can once again be expertly dealt with at Tarporley Hospital, with no need for a 12-15 mile journey and probably a very lengthy wait in an NHS hospital - making the service unquestionably a jewel in the crown for local hospital services.

Minor Injuries opening times and participating requirements are:

- Monday to Friday only; 08.30 - 18.00 – no appointment needed.
- No one under the age of 16.
- Masks must be worn before entering the building.
- Hand sanitiser in the foyer applied before entering the building.

It's important to remember that this is for minor injuries: anything major needs to be dealt with by NHS A&E. The few patients who need to be referred to the NHS are triaged and the nearest hospital informed that a patient is coming in. This should speed up their treatment on arrival, also saving time and money for the NHS.

Thanks to your continued support, Tarporley War Memorial Hospital continues to play an important role in the community, whether for a minor injury, respite, palliative care, dressings, day care or a range of additional NHS services, including physiotherapy, consultant clinics and minor surgery by local GPs.

Finally, if you're sending Christmas cards, please consider our cards, available from our Charity Shop in Tarporley (which is also well worth a visit for present ideas!). Happy Christmas and please, for everyone, a Happy New Year!

*Brian Byrne, Tarporley Hospital Fundraising Committee Member*

## Eaton Reading Group



After a summer break, our September meeting was dedicated to sharing information on our independent reading. Some fared better than others, considering there was little beach reading going on and gardens were taking up much of our time. However, between us we managed a varied input: classics, newly published books and some of ‘those books you’ve always meant to read but never quite got round to them’.

The online meeting at the beginning of October discussed our first book of the autumn, ‘The Garden Party and other stories’, by Katherine Mansfield. This book, enjoyed by all of the group, is a collection of 15 beautifully written, short, sharp stories that was one to dip into. A contemporary of DH Lawrence, Katherine has the ability to describe a person or scene briefly but concisely. Many of these stories are set in her native New Zealand.

November’s read, ‘The Cafe of the Lost Hours of Youth’ by French writer Patrick Modiano, is set in Paris. By December we’ll have read our third book, set in Alaska, by native writer Eowyn Ivey. So although our physical horizons may be limited this autumn, the world is our oyster when it comes to reading!

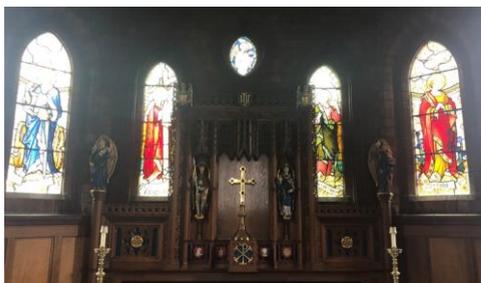
If you’d like to join us on our literary wanderings, give it a try. Titles are chosen in turn by group members. Members then obtain their own copy, by Amazon, Kindle or through the library. To facilitate this, we often set choices for two or three months in advance. At present we communicate by email, sharing views and opinions on a set date. If interested, please contact me.

*Tina Peel 732904*

## St Thomas’ Church



It’s almost impossible to find an adjective that can adequately describe the last few months. Covid-19 has affected all our lives. There’s much to grieve with those who have suffered loss of life and lifestyle,



plans, jobs and opportunities. But there's also been time to reflect and re-open our eyes to the value of our health and freedom; importance of the natural world; and the gift of family, friends and neighbours. The easing of

'lockdown' brings further challenges, as each of us has to navigate how we re-engage with community and continue with our lives. Forced to close our buildings in March, Tarporley Parish continued to worship online, but we're now slowly resuming Sunday services, weddings, baptisms and funerals in all three of our churches. At St Thomas', we hold a service each Sunday at 9am (**Services now under revision**)

We follow all government and church guidelines and have undertaken thorough risk assessments, putting in place measures to keep everyone as safe as possible. These include social distancing, the frequent use of sanitiser, the wearing of masks, no congregational singing and no sharing wine (please contact me if you would like a fuller outline of how our services now look).



The prohibition on congregational singing and the need to socially distance means we won't be able to hold our popular Lessons and Carols service this year. However, subject to restrictions, we'll gather to bless our Crib and re-tell the nativity story (using chocolate!) at 9am on Sunday December 20th.

*A rare wedding at the church – Peter and Pam Holloway*

This will be my last service at St Thomas' as I step down as

Rector of Tarporley at the end of the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my six years here and want to thank you all for making me so welcome and supporting the life and work of St Thomas’.

Regardless of how long it takes for us to navigate our way through Covid-19, I pray that, as individuals and a community, we will find the space and time to heal all that has harmed and hurt whilst carrying forward and building upon all the blessings we’ve found. If there’s anything we can do to help, please get in touch. With every blessing.

Georgina

Rev’d Georgina Watmore: [revgeorgina@me.com](mailto:revgeorgina@me.com)

*I’m sure we’d all like to wish Georgina all the best for the future and thank her for all she’s done in the past. Her services have been inspiring and she’s been a great personal help behind the scenes to many individuals in the village. - Editor*

## Eaton Rambling Club

**(Future walks under revision)**



Luckily, we’ve managed three, excellent post-lockdown walks at the time of writing. In August, Dave Lilley kicked things off again with a super circular walk of 5.5 miles around the fields and paths of Tarporley – touching on Pudding Lane, the Sandstone trail, Wharton Lock, Beeston Brook and back to the Chocolate Shop in Tarporley for well-deserved ice-creams. Only one person tried to eat their ice-cream whilst still wearing a mask – and I’m married to him...

Doreen and Desmond Dooley led our September walk, which had an excellent turnout. This was 5.5 miles around the lovely area of Beauty Bank, Whitegate Vale Royal Golf course (allowing our golfing members to offer some advice) and back via Marton and Dalesford Lane. Just one shower while we stopped for lunch in St Mary’s churchyard! Fortunately, we all had a comfy seat.

I led our last walk on 11th October (delayed due to poor weather). It was a lovely sunny day and we enjoyed walking from Harthill up

to Coppermine Lane, through the woods at Bickerton. Lunch was at Rawhead, with super views across to Liverpool.

The next walk is scheduled for Saturday, 14 November, weather permitting, and will be led by Richard and Jane Potton who are well known for going 'off piste' at least once during the walk... Mike and Mary Wilson will lead the final walk of the year on Sunday, 6 December, again weather permitting. Unfortunately, we won't be able to have our customary Christmas lunch together but I'm sure we'll make up for this when the flag goes up once again.

If you'd like to join up with the Eaton Ramblers, please get in touch. We ask people to bring a packed lunch to eat on route and I try to give details of the type of walk, length (4-7 miles usually) and if there are any obstacles like stiles/steep hills. All walks initially meet in the Jessie Hughes car park (unless otherwise specified) at



9.45am on Saturdays and 10.15am on Sundays. However, as we can't car share at the moment, walks will usually start from the walk location: directions are given in the email.

Keep well and keep walking.

*Gill Ellison (Secretary) - 01829 782693*

## Eaton WI



I am sad to report that Eaton WI has still been unable to meet due to the pandemic. However, we were able to have a committee meeting in our Secretary's garden in August. It was great to see members of the committee and have a good catch-up. It was agreed that we would postpone all meetings until February 2021.

We've been receiving regular updates from Cheshire Federation which are forwarded to our members by email, giving dates of Zoom meetings where members can join in and listen to a speaker. I joined in the meeting this month and listened to a very inspirational speaker, Wendy Mitchell. She was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's at 58 but she doesn't let it stop her. She's the author of 'Somebody I used to Know' - highly recommended and definitely uplifting. She's now an ambassador for the Alzheimer's Society and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Health by the University of Bradford for her contribution to research. I would urge my members to try these Zoom meetings in these dark days which are ahead of us.

This month has seen our Secretary celebrate her Golden Wedding and one our members celebrate her 80th birthday. Both of them received a bouquet of flowers from the WI members.

Unfortunately our members won't be able to enjoy the Christmas Party. Let's hope that by the end of the year a vaccine will be nearer for this awful virus and we'll have spring to look forward to.

If you require any further information, please contact our Secretary Celia Gregory on 01270 528647 or myself on 01829 733639.

Stay safe and well everyone.

*Dianne Ouseley (President)*

## Eaton Primary School



Like all schools, Eaton Primary has experienced different challenges this academic year. The school

has really appreciated the support of the local and parental community, not least as we know how challenging this year has been for so many people.

We've kept school as regular as possible for the children and, in spite of the different routines we've had in place and the absence of some of the normal experiences the children are familiar with, they continue to adapt remarkably well. We're impressed with how young children can adapt and be so happy - even through rapidly changing times - as well as with their ability to successfully understand and articulate their experiences.

The staff have ensured that the children have had as regular and full a school experience as possible, whilst maintaining Covid measures throughout. They have made sure that we continue to enhance our provision, moving the school curriculum and processes forward through robust development planning, as they would in any other year. They've developed and used clear processes for remote learning and supporting families in isolation. They've also maintained our commitment to extra-curricular clubs and activities, with the house sports competitions thriving, as well as the regular public speaking opportunities for the children. The enthusiasm and energy of the staff is constantly impressive.

There is much planned for the half-term leading up to Christmas, including our Remembrance Day commemorations – and, of course, celebrating Christmas in all sorts of different ways.

*Mrs Lorraine Skellon (Head of School)*

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***Many thanks to all of the contributors and distributors.***

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Mon 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021***

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