



QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Although Christmas is only 25 days away, for many it will be a very different Christmas. The season of advent will be different but perhaps more than ever we need ideas and inspiration to help us delve deeper during our hours of isolation and restriction to find that glimmer of light, that note of joy, that promise of consolation. Although some of our normal activities will not be happening such as our beautiful carol service at the cathedral, we are being creative to ensure we do celebrate together as one community. At school this week we have been decorating the trees in various places around the school and our children have continued to prepare for our nativities online. The laughter and good cheer is resonating throughout.

The work to refurbish the AstroTurf play area continues. Unfortunately, it is taking longer than anticipated due to drainage issues which will ultimately result in the area being far superior than it ever has been before, which is fantastic for the students. There will be two tennis courts alongside a full size netball court. Both of which will be able to be utilised all year round.

This week we welcomed Mrs Usher back from her maternity leave and we wish her our very best as she leaves us at Christmas. Mrs Usher has contributed so much during her time at Quinton and I would like to express our gratitude to her on behalf of us all. Mrs Skelcey has been appointed in a permanent capacity and we are delighted that she has accepted the post.

Over this year we have been working towards the creation of a new post of Head of Art and Photography due to the intrinsic links between the two. From January we will have this new Department led by Mrs Davies. The school has already ordered new printing presses and looms which will enhance the offering to all students throughout the school. Mrs Davies has already met with the Year 11 and 12 students and looks forward to meeting everyone else in January.

May I ask all parents that if you are visiting the school outside of normal entry and exit times that you do not permit anyone to tailgate in after you. Our security officer, Mr Millar, has been a fantastic contribution to the school community and works tirelessly to protect the school. On occasion he may not actually be situated at the gate and therefore is unable to watch every car entering the school. If we all take extra precautions, it will assist in ensuring everyone is safe onsite. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

As always, I do wish you all a safe and productive week ahead.

With warmest wishes

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