



# Headteacher News



Term : Christmas 2020

Dear Parents and Carers, we have now reached the end of our second term and Christmas is in full swing. It has been a different festive period, but the pupils and staff have certainly made the most of it.

As with my last newsletter, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our staff, who have worked tirelessly, above and beyond to ensure that all of our pupils are safe and are able to enjoy learning again back in school. We have managed to keep The Castle School open to all year groups since September and this is down to the hard work, determination and diligence of the Castle School Team as well as your incredible support. So, a thank you to you as well for being so understanding, supportive and helpful during this strange and difficult time.

Despite the challenges, our amazing staff team and wonderful pupils have made the most of it with some brilliant learning taking place in all of our Bubbles. There have been class and Bubble plays and variety shows; Christmas sing songs via Zoom; Christmas activities galore. Even Santa has found time out of his extremely busy schedule to visit the Bubbles this week, which was great.



## Some photos of our learning



Getting Christmassy at Post-16



Enjoying learning through exploring



Makaton Countdown to Christmas



Swansea exploring our wonderful wood

So, we look towards 2021 and hope that it will bring some normality and return to what we were used to before March.

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I wish all our pupils, staff and parents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020** and pupils return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)



Our new sports track at Love Lane