

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION SWAZILAND

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

A big thank you to everyone who has supported PIES during the last 12 months. Times have been difficult but with your support we have been able to ensure that the children attending our Centres have been kept safe and well fed. With the impact of the pandemic we have provided food and care every day for around 220 children. In addition food parcels have been sent to community guardians. These have been such difficult times. The strict government rules, whilst addressing the virus, have led to wide-spread malnutrition in the most vulnerable communities. Currently as at 13 December there are 6563 cases and 127 deaths. Active cases and deaths are now holding steady at a low level.

We usually hold a Christmas party at each of our Centres with the usual games, cake, etc. This year it was not possible but the children were each given a goody bag containing a selection of presents.



School Situation

All the schools were closed in April, however children in their final year at primary and forms 3 & 5 at high school returned to school in September to enable them to take their external exams. In July schools were re-opened, but had to close again within two weeks.

During the year schools have provided lessons via the local radio station and newspaper. We have provided radios for our sponsored children together with payment of their end of year exam fees. All school fees for 2020 have been paid. Our sponsored primary children have received the usual uniforms and text books etc. In addition all sponsored primary children have been given food parcels to take home. Schools will reopen in January 2021.

Our last bulletin mentioned that the roof at one of the Centres was in a poor condition and needed immediate replacement. Thanks to a number of generous donations we are pleased to say this work has now been carried out.

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New roof.