



School Newsletter

November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. I hope you and your families are all safe and well. I thought now would be a good time to write to you and explain some of our arrangements for the Christmas period in school, as it is fast approaching! Things will, as you can imagine, continue to be a bit different this year.

Thanks to all families for your support and generous donations as part of our recent charity collections and school fundraising – we have supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Children in Need which raised over £350. The PTA fundraiser in conjunction with the Pizza Box raised £200. Your generosity in supporting these events is greatly appreciated!

Christmas events for parents

We are really delighted to be able to do something for parents this year as we are really missing the sense of community from being all together (or as together as possible). Please see dates on the right hand side of this newsletter →

We are doing what we can in the open air to support Covid restrictions for schools and to still enable us to do something and are looking forward to some festive singing. For the open-air events, please wrap up warm. The PTA are very kindly providing warm drinks and an individual snack to each person attending. We are limiting each event to 2 people per family maximum, whilst we appreciate this is difficult for larger families, please respect the need for us to keep the school community safe.

Foundation Stage classes will also be doing some festive singing event, due to their age these events will be held inside the school hall. We need to limit the event to 2 adults per family and as it is inside adults attending will need to sign in through the school office, wear a mask and use hand gel. Please also wrap up as we will have increased ventilation. Despite these restrictions we do hope you will join us and enjoy seeing our youngest pupils enjoying the festivities.



Upcoming Events

Friday 3rd December

Deco Day – non uniform (craft)

Tuesday 14th December

Nursery singing to parents 2pm
School Hall

KS1 Christmas Singing – school
playground 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Party Day – party
clothes and bring party lunch

Thursday 16th December

Reception singing to Parents 2pm
School Hall

KS2 Christmas Singing – school
playground 6.00pm

Friday 17th December

Last Day of Term – non uniform

Deco Day

Our Deco Day this year is planned for Friday, the 3rd of December, this will take place in children's own classes. On that day please can all children come to school in clothes that are suitable for art and craft- something that will be okay if they spill a bit of glue or glitter on them. We will be getting festive with music and fun activities on the day. All decorations will be hung in classrooms and some in shared areas like corridors.



Christmas Party Day

We will be having our Christmas party day on Wednesday, the 15th of December. We want the children to have a fun and exciting day as usual but again this year, this will take place in each class bubble. On this day your child can wear party clothes or something of their choice. Unlike previous years, this year we are asking parents/carers to provide a lunchbox for their child to eat their own Christmas party lunch, you may choose to send some treats in as part of their lunch box on that day. Unfortunately, we won't be able to provide shared party food like we usually do. The PTA hope that next year that can support in preparing the class platters and a range of party food



Covid update for schools

All children, young people and education staff, identified as a direct contact for COVID-19 from a positive case in a nursery, school or college, will no longer be required to take a PCR test from Thursday, 25 November.

Instead, any student, aged 3 to 18 years old, alongside all educational staff, who are a direct contact from a positive case in an education or nursery setting, will be asked to use Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs), at home, daily for 10 days.

The decision to change the policy in nurseries, schools and colleges has been made by Competent Authority Ministers, following advice of Public Health, in consultation with the Scientific and Technical Advisory Cell (STAC).

All students and staff can continue to attend nursery, school or college as long as their daily LFT test is negative. All test results, regardless of whether they are positive or negative, should be submitted onto the online LFT portal for 10 days. Confirmatory PCR tests will remain in place for any student or staff member who tests positive on an LFT test. Any student or staff member showing COVID-19 symptoms should stay home, book a PCR test, and not attend school or college until they receive a negative PCR test result.

The testing policy remains unchanged for any staff member or student who is identified as a direct contact outside of the school or nursery setting, such as a direct contact within a household or anywhere outside of a school environment, and they will be required to attend for a PCR test.