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**Newsletter 3**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

As Christmas approaches this newsletter includes information about some of our arrangements, with some adjustments we can still have many of our Christmas traditions.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner for Nursery, Year 1 and 2

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner for Years 3,4,5 & 6

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner for Reception (Party style food)

Years Nursery & Years 1 to 6 will have traditional Christmas dinner. School dinners cost £2.10 for years 3 to 6 and £1.60 for nursery and can be paid via IRIS ParentMail.

### **Christmas Parties**

Children can bring in party clothes to change into for their party which will be in the afternoon (other than Nursery). Party food will be provided.

The dates for these are:

Year 1 & 3 14<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery, Reception Year 5 & 6 15<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2 & 4 16<sup>th</sup> December

### **Concerts**

Due to the restrictions on performances and singing there will be no concerts. Reception, Year 1 and 2 will share their mini Christmas Performance with their family through Tapestry.

### **Christmas cards**

Some children very much enjoy bringing cards into school for their friends. They can still do this but please can they wait to the 1<sup>st</sup> December and post them in the class post box. Staff will then quarantine them and they will be given out a few days later. Please can these cards just be for friends in their year group. So we can quarantine cards the LAST POSTING DAY will be 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> December** will be **non-uniform** for Save the Children. Save the Children promote a Christmas Jumper fund raiser and children can wear a Christmas jumper or other non-uniform. Please do not feel you need to buy a Christmas jumper.

### **Free School Meals over the Christmas holidays**

Free School Meals vouchers over the Christmas Holidays are organised by Devon County Council as they were at half term. If you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals you can apply online at the following address:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

### **Parents' Evenings**

Hopefully you have all had the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher by phone to hear how your child is getting on this term and have enjoyed looking at the sample of work they brought home or you saw on Tapestry.

### **Support for Charities**

Thank you for your support for Children's Hospice South West - it raised £200.22  
The Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion raised £200.08.  
Non-Uniform for Children in Need raised £348.

### **School Shoes**

The term started with all the children in black shoes. Some other footwear is now creeping back in so please try to ensure children have black footwear for the start of the new term and PE kits in school at all times. Please can long hair be tied back whilst children are at school.

### **PTFA**

We are delighted the PTFA have planned the first of this year's activities for the children and they will be sending details out shortly.

### **Covid**

The numbers of Covid cases in Mid Devon are currently very high and we are seeing that reflected in a number of cases in school.

If your child has new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) they should isolate and take a PCR test.

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

PCR tests can be ordered/booked at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

We also have a higher than usual number of cases of chicken pox in school at the moment - please be on the look out for symptoms and keep your child at home if you think they may have it.

### **CHILD SAFEGUARDING**

*We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Child Protection within school is Mr. Boraston.*