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Newsletter Thursday 10th December 2020



Dates for your diary in December:



Friday 11th – INSET Day

Tuesday 15th – Christmas Party day – Own clothes (No need to bring food donations from own clothes day will be used and staff will buy the party food)

Wednesday 16th Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th – Christmas Jumper Day (Bring £1 for Save the Children)

Friday 18th Children's assembly (virtual) + Christmas film afternoon and popcorn! - **Finish for Christmas**

Monday 21st – Remote learning via Seesaw

Tuesday 22nd – Remote Learning via Seesaw

Surprise Festive Assemblies!

As we were unable to do the traditional nativity and KS2 show this year we thought we would surprise you with a little Christmas assembly from your child's class. You should be able to see them today via class dojo. We tried to keep it under our hats a bit in case the technology failed us, but it has all worked! (Although I know most people probably know something is going on because they've brought Christmas jumpers in!) We just thought we would spread a bit of festive cheer, as seeing the school performances is a big part of Christmas tradition. In return though -we would ask that you do not try to download/repost them onto social media in any way – they are just for our families. They have been sent via a private link

Glow Parties

The children had a great time on Monday and Tuesday at the Glow in the dark sports parties. They played games like dodgeball in the dark with glow in the dark bibs and balls! It was definitely a different way to do sports, but was good fun and enjoyed by all!

Raffle

The raffle was drawn today. Some prizes have been handed out this afternoon and we will contact other winners ASAP. Thank you so much for your support – we will let you know the amount raised next week!

Attendance

Whole school attendance is term is currently at 94%. This is an improvement on this time last year! – Lets try and get it even higher next term.

Certificates will go out to children next week in our virtual assembly. We have identified all the children who have Good (95+%), Excellent (97+%) and Perfect attendance (100%).

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire it was really useful.
70+ % strongly agreed/ agreed with all the statements, which is really positive!

Here are some of the positive comments you told us:

They have been excellent in the way they have dealt with Covid. My sons bubble has only had to isolate once throughout the return to school. They have helped educate the children on being safe, even helping them understand the feelings they have due to lockdown. He often says how happy he is there

Brilliant school, staff are all really friendly

I have been really happy with school and just think it's wonderful. All you go to, to make learning fun and to keep the parents involved is amazing.

Thank you to all the staff!

Staff are amazing and when there any problem they sort them straight away

I'm happy with the school itself, they can only do so much and have done everything they can in this situation. Lovely staff.

You also told us:

It is really difficult to motivate children on Seesaw as parents but if staff could get more involved I am sure children would be much more likely to complete tasks

Parents aren't as involved as they could be.

For year 6 I think it would have been good to have zoom lessons

I also really like that the teachers are outside before and after school would love to see this even after COVID.

Thank you for all your comments and feedback. The lovely comments are a real boost for staff after what has been a very challenging term! And we will look to see if there is anything we can change from the other feedback next term. And we will do another questionnaire just before Easter, so please look out for it!

School Lottery

We had our first winner this week. One of our Year 6 parents won £20!

Thank you so much to everyone who is already taking part. The draws take place on Saturdays and the link is below if you would like to take part.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Virtual Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much for all the orders for the fayre! Orders are now closed. 😊

Your support as always has been wonderful! Thank you! Look out for your purchases on Wednesday 16th December (they will go home with the children) we will let you know how much we have raised hopefully before the holidays.

Free School Meals

If your financial situation has changed, particularly due to the pandemic you may be eligible for free school meals and I would urge you to apply. If you need any help applying at all with this please call Mrs Beer or Mrs Murray in the office.

Support

If you are struggling at the moment in anyway at all. I would encourage you to let us know, school has lots of contacts and can often help. You can speak to Mr Cumberbatch in confidence via the school office or email him sylvan.cumberbatch@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk

Pick up and drop off

Just a reminder to parents who wait in the staff car park, could you please ensure you and your children stay safe by staying on the footpath, do not wait on the driveway and also please avoid blocking the gate.

Covid 19 advice

Today marks 14 days before Christmas day. Staff will be socially distancing as much as they possibly can even within their bubble from this point as everyone has family they desperately want to see between 23rd and 27th December. We are also splitting up Year 1, 1/2 and 2 playtimes just for the week to avoid any bigger numbers isolating over Christmas. So please be mindful of this at pick up and drop off.

I also just thought I would highlight this date to you in case you are in the same position.

Stockport is in **Tier 3** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

The current government advice is still:

If your child is displaying any of these COVID related symptoms...

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

You should:

1) Keep your child off school, inform the school office and book a test.

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

2) Siblings must remain off school until test results are back -The whole family should self-isolate until the test results are returned.

3) If test is negative, your child/children can return to school (as long as they are well)

4) If test is positive, keep your child at home for 10 days, other family members need to isolate for 14 days.

Please contact school **immediately** so we can track and trace within the schools bubbles.

If you need medical advice the 111 website does have a symptom checker and will explain what to do.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>

Have a lovely long weekend everyone!! Tomorrow is an INSET day! – **School is closed.**

