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Newsletter Friday 18th December 2020



Dates for your diary in December:



Friday 18th - Finish for Christmas

Monday 21st –Remote learning via Seesaw

Tuesday 22nd – Remote Learning via Seesaw

Thursday 7th January – Return to School

December Fundraising

Thank you again for all your support with our fundraising in December. We raised a grand total of: **£744!!!!**
This is just amazing! The money will go into School Fund and will be used for enrichment activities for the children throughout the year so thank you again. It will make a big difference!

Remote learning

Remote learning will commence on Monday and Tuesday. Please check seesaw for activities and if you need any support in accessing them please email/dojo your class teacher.

School Lottery

This week £20 was won by a parent in Year 3/4 Kites!

If you would like to support our school by buying tickets for the weekly draw please go to:

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

Christmas Parties

The children had a lovely time at the Christmas parties this week. Christmas music filled the corridors on Tuesday. They all looked fabulous in their party clothes. There was inevitably lots of games and eating!!!
This afternoon the classes have also had a lovely Christmas film afternoon with popcorn.

A special visitor



We had a special surprise visitor today too! Father Christmas came to see all the bubbles and brought each class a gift! (Socially distanced of course as he can't risk having to isolate on Christmas Eve!)

Christmas Eve Jingle bells

There is a movement at the moment to encourage everyone to go on their door steps at 6pm on Christmas Eve and jingle bells for Santa! It is a lovely sentiment to finish of a horrible year with some community spirit. So if you can - join in! The children will love it!

An important message from the Local Authority

"We know you will be looking forward to your children's school holidays, and for many of you to a rare opportunity to spend time with loved ones. If you are planning for Christmas it's important to think about what you do before, during and after the 5-day Christmas period to ensure everyone can return safely to school in the New Year.

People who get coronavirus are infectious before they show symptoms. Many people are infected and go on to infect others without ever showing symptoms. We all still need to be aware that every extra person that we spend time with, outside our households, increases the opportunity for the virus to spread.

Although we are allowed to meet loved ones and friends in a Christmas bubble of up to three households over five days, we all have to make difficult decisions about whether it is wise to meet up, especially with those who are older, or in vulnerable groups.

Late December and early January may be a period of higher risk for increased virus spread.

Take extra care to reduce your contacts before returning to school and work, especially if you have enjoyed seeing friends or family over Christmas.

Please think about what's right to protect your loved ones and communities, while making sure that you and your family have some much-needed time away from school and work."

Covid 19 advice

The isolation period has now changed from 14 days to 10 days. See the link below for more information <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020>

Stockport is still 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>

A Christmas message from Mrs Clark

"I want to thank everyone for their kind wishes; it is wonderful to be back in school and I have greatly enjoyed seeing the children again. I want to share my heartfelt thanks to Ms Flanders and the rest of the amazing Abingdon team for all their hard work during this term. I wish you a wonderful Christmas break and hope that you also find time to relax. Here's to a less eventful 2021! I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Best wishes, Mrs Clark"

Have a lovely Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year from all the Abingdon Family!!!



Ms Flanders
Deputy Headteacher