



Newsletter
Term 2
Friday 17th December 2021



Dear parents and carers,

We have now reached the end of a very busy term 2. We have had a very Christmassy time over the last two weeks and I for one am now feeling very festive.

I am so glad that we were able to celebrate Christmas with you all. We held 8 Christmas productions which were all absolutely fantastic. Our Carols by torchlight at Hewish on Tuesday night marked the culmination of our Christmas events and it was lovely to see so many of our families joining us – we even had some families joining in with all the actions. Thank you to you all for supporting the school and making these very special Christmas memories for the children.

A huge thank you to our staff who ensure that all of our children have high quality teaching and learning experiences as well as lots of fun. All staff worked very hard to put together the Christmas performances for everyone to enjoy. They really are a brilliant staff crew – I couldn't wish for a better team! Thank you so much to those people who took the time to say thank you to us and share positive comments – it really does mean the world to us.

At this point in time, we do not know what the Christmas holidays and the new year will bring. There may or may not be more restrictions coming our way but we can only wait and see.

I hope that you all manage to enjoy a lovely Christmas with your loved ones and you all stay fit and well.

Merry Christmas everyone!

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COVID-19

Thank you for supporting us during the past few months. As the number of positive cases has continued to rise, there have been many challenges with children and staff absent from school. From 14th December, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years identified as

a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and also take a PCR if they receive a positive LFT result or develop symptoms. School staff will continue to test twice weekly over the Christmas break and again before returning to school in January.

At this moment, we do not know what January will bring but we are busy making preparations to welcome all your children back to school on Tuesday 4th January. School attendance is mandatory. We will continue to have all our Covid-19 measures in place and will advise you of any further measures we may need to add in the new term.

Please can you ensure that all your children have logged on, and are able to access **Google classroom** just in case they need to be off school. Google classroom is our platform for children to access remote learning including any homework set. It is very important that they do not miss any learning. A reminder of children's logins has been sent out by the office team. Please see the following information from our contingency plan.

<p>Should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 <p>NO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children MUST attend school unless they are ill/ showing Covid-19 symptoms or who have a positive LFT test or PCR. • Anyone over the age of 5 who are close contacts of a positive case are advised to take LFT for 7 days and will need to book a PRC test if they develop symptoms. • Children under 18 (or double-vaccinated and boosted adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a close contact, has Covid but will need to use LFTs (Please see guidance for Omicrom – close contacts of the Omicrom variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age- they will be contacted directly and asked to isolate)
	 <p>YES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <i>stay at home</i> and should book a PRC test, <u>NOT</u> just a Lateral Flow test. • If your child displays any Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC test . • If your child tests positive for Covid- 19, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate but are advised to take LFT for 7 days and book a PCR test if they develop symptoms or have a positive result. • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PRC test unless they have any Covid Symptoms. • Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. • You should be contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts. These contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to take LFTs and PRC Tests where required. • The school may contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for your very generous donations to our reverse advent calendar. We have collected a lovely selection of food for the FoodBank which has been delivered to the depot. Thank you all!

GOODBYES

Today we say Goodbye to Mrs Linda Fell, Mrs Dance and Mrs Shearer. Thank you to all of them for all they have done to support so many children across our school. We will miss them very much and wish them lots of good luck in their new adventures.

BUSY BEES REQUEST

Our Busy Bees classes would love any old IT tech or mobile phones that you no longer need. These items do not need to be in working order as the children will be investigating the hardware itself. If you have anything the children can use please give to the Busy Bees class or the main offices.



NUT REMINDER

Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school**. Snacks and lunch boxes must **not** contain anything nutty including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella or peanut butter. PLEASE support us. If it was your child who was severely allergic, you would want everyone to support them and keep them safe. Please consider the safety of others. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast club has been a big success over the past two terms. The children love the very substantial breakfasts provided and have a really great start to the day. This week, the children have been making Christmas crafts. Sessions are held at our West Wick site and are open to **all** children. Sessions start from 7:30am. There is a shuttle bus provided to transport our Hewish children across at the start of the day.



Each session costs £3.50 or £4.25 if including transport to Hewish. Sessions can be booked and paid for via the School Gateway app. If you would like more information, please contact the school office. Come and join our happy little breakfast crew!

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – First day of Term 3

Friday 18th February – Last day of Term 3

Monday 28th February – First day of Term 4

Friday 8th April – Last day of Term 4

SANTA TRAIL

Don't forget to check out St Anne's entry in the Sovereign centre's Santa trail. The children decorated a Santa which celebrates diversity and difference. Aodhan managed to find it and shared this picture on Twitter- can you find it too?

Vote for the St Anne's Santa and we might even win a prize for the school
For full details of the Santa Trail please click on this link to view the booklet:

<https://www.sovereign-centre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Santa-Trail-booklet-2021.pdf>



WELLBEING - FEEL FAB CHRISTMAS CRACKERS



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HOW MANY

DID YOU COLLECT?

NAMES



FIND YOUR CHRISTMAS BEANS

IF YOU NEED TO RESEARCH SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES ONLINE MAKE SURE YOU ASK PERMISSION FIRST. IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO ASK FOR SOME HELP FROM AN ADULT & STAY SAFE WHEN TRYING ANYTHING NEW. Activities can be done in any order. Certificates are available from your school. Can you achieve CHRISTMAS GOLD by ticking off at least 7 from the list? Let your teacher know if you do!

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #FeelFabChristmasCrackers and tagging: @AshtonSSP @CSETSsports1 @NSSPEA1

Go for a Christmas light walk as a family - where are your favourite lights?



Make a Christmas card for family and friends



Check in daily in December with a Santa Tracker



Perform at least one random act of kindness a day



Make a gingerbread house or make Christmas cookies



Host a Christmas Fun Night... games, karaoke, disco etc



Design and lead a workout or dance routine for your family and friends. Must have at least 5 activities!



Ride your bike, walk or scoot for at least 10 minutes a day



Organise a Christmas movie night or even a week then everyone gets a chance to watch their favourite film



Go for a run, walk or jog for 1km



Recycle your Christmas cards, wrapping paper or tree



Donate or gift an old toy/s to charity



Make up 6 different exercises and number them 1 to 6. Roll a dice to choose which exercise to do 10 times. Decide how many dice rolls you are going to do



Make a reindeer or other Christmas character out of recycled materials



Persuade someone in your house to do some yoga with you. Find 'Cosmic Yoga' online



Learn how to juggle with two or three balls. When you are rather good try it with satsumas instead!

