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Autumn Term Update 9: **Including Christmas dates & arrangements**

Dear Parents & Carers

This week's letter contains important information about our plans for Christmas in school. Things obviously are a bit different this year but we are still hoping to make sure we all enjoy the final 4 weeks of term.

Date	Activity
Wb 23.11.20	Children to write Christmas messages for the tree- a memory of someone or a hope or wish for 2021.
	Children to make Christmas cards that will then be distributed to local care homes.
Wb 30.11.20	Children to paint a stone for the school path with a Christmas theme.
30.11.20	Christmas tree up in school.
1.12.20	Virtual advent calendar starts on 1.12.20
3.12.20	Year 4 party & Christmas activities (wear party clothes or non-uniform)
4.12.20	Year 3 party & Christmas activities (wear party clothes or non-uniform)
7.12.20	Year 6 party & Christmas activities (wear party clothes or non-uniform)
8.12.20	Year 5 party & Christmas activities (wear party clothes or non-uniform)
9.12.20	Zoom Q & A session with Peter Duncan (in preparation for next week's online panto)
10.12.20	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)
	Children to make Christmas hats in class
14.12.20	Y3 Christmas Quiz for families (via school website) Y4 film, hot chocolate & popcorn in the hall (wear PJs if you like)



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	Y6 film, hot chocolate & popcorn in the hall (wear PJs if you like)
15.12.20	Y4 Christmas Quiz for families (via school website) Y3 film, hot chocolate & popcorn in the hall (wear PJs if you like) Y5 film, hot chocolate & popcorn in the hall (wear PJs if you like)
16.12.20	Y5 Christmas Quiz for families (via school website)
17.12.20	Y5 & Y6 to watch Jack & the Beanstalk (online) Y6 Christmas Quiz for families (via school website) Year Group Christmas Hamper Prize Draws
18.12.20	Y3 & Y4 to watch Jack & the Beanstalk (online) End of term assembly (via Teams) Break up for Christmas- normal times

Throughout December there will also be a selection of Christmas stories posted on our facebook page. These are written and presented by our Y6 pupils.

Thank you to the Christmas Committee, which is made up of members of staff and Friends of Ashfield, for their hard work in planning the next 4 weeks. We have risk assessed each activity to ensure that all are delivered in a Covid-safe way with additional cleaning in rooms in being used by different bubbles on the same day.

Some of these activities mean that the children will be with others from their year group bubble rather than their class bubble. This means that if we have a positive case of Covid-19 it is more likely that a whole year group would have to isolate rather than just a class.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about this.

In order to help us to pay for these activities we are asking for a donation towards the cost. Please can you send in a donation (anything is welcome up to £5) in a named, sealed envelope. As we cannot run our Christmas Fair this year this is the only way we can generate funds to help us pay towards the cost of providing a fun and enjoyable Christmas. Every child will automatically be entered into their year group Christmas Hamper prize draw.

Christmas cards & presents

We have had some queries about cards and presents coming into school. We have decided that this can still go ahead in a Covid-safe way if we quarantine items before passing them on.

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to others in school then they can bring them in during the week beginning 30.11.20. These must be posted in the year group Christmas post box and left untouched. The cards will then be given out by the post elves during the week beginning 7.12.20.

If your child would like to bring in presents for others then they can bring them in during the week 7.12.20. These must be handed to staff who will then isolate items in a year group present tub. These will then be given out during the week beginning 14.12.20.



Flu vaccinations

Our thanks to the NHS staff that visited us on Thursday last week and were able to carry out vaccinations with Y3 & Y4. Due to a shortage of vaccinations on the day they will be returning tomorrow (Tuesday 24.11.20) to administer these to Y5 & Y6.

Parents Meetings

We have decided to wait until January before we do our parents meetings for this term. Teachers are currently in the middle of assessing pupils and then will be meeting with me next week to discuss next steps for learning. As the two weeks after that are heavily focussed on providing some lovely Christmas activities we have decided that it would be more appropriate to wait until the New Year before we feedback to you about your child's progress since September.

These meetings will be offered either via phone call or Teams video call. Your child's teacher will make contact with you at the start of the new term to determine which option you would prefer.

If you have any concerns in the meantime or if you feel that there is something urgent that needs to be discussed now, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make arrangements for a call over the next few weeks.

Allerdale & Lakeland Lottery

Here is the link to the Allerdale & Lakeland Lottery website:

<https://www.allerdalelottery.com>. If you would like to buy tickets for a chance to win £25,000 then please purchase them via our school page on the lottery website. Purchasing tickets this way means that school receives 50p for every ticket sold. As our fundraising opportunities are limited at the moment this is a great way for you to support our school. Good luck!

Uniform

As the weather turns colder and we have to continue ventilating classrooms by having windows open it is important that we all keep warm. If your child wants to bring in a hoodie or jumper to wear over their uniform then that's absolutely fine. Please if possible try to keep to colours related to our uniform- red, blue, black or grey is perfect.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation with isolation dates. It is really helping us to keep on top of things here to ensure that pupils self-isolate when needed and work can be provided for them remotely.



I hope that you are all managing to cope with the final days of the national lockdown. Please let us know if there is anything you are struggling with. We might be able to point you in the right direction for some support.
Best wishes to everyone.

Mrs S Frost
Headteacher

Latest guidance for self-isolation remains the same:

When a member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19

- When an adult or child develops one or more symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of/change to their sense of taste and smell) they need to get tested as soon as possible and **the whole household needs to isolate at home immediately**.
- If the test result comes back NEGATIVE, the household can end their isolation (i.e. leave the house and return to normal including attending work and school) as long as:
 - the individual with symptoms has not had a high temperature for 48 hours
 - No-one else in the household has symptoms (if this is the case they also need to get tested and the household isolate until the result is known)
 - Members of the household have not been told they need to self-isolate because they are a close-contact of a positive case from outside the household
- If the test comes back POSITIVE, the household should continue to isolate. The household should isolate for 14 days from the date that the person who has tested positive developed symptoms (or if they didn't have symptoms, the date they had their test)
- There is more information in the [Stay at Home guidance](#)

When a member of your household is told to isolate because they are a close contact of (or in the same bubble as) a positive case FROM A DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD

- When a child or adult is told by a school or local/national test and trace service to isolate, they should stay at home until the 'end of isolation' date advised
- Other members of the household DO NOT need to isolate (unless they are also identified as a close contact of a positive case). Of course, young children will need someone to stay at home with them
- The person who has been asked to isolate (because they are in the same bubble as a positive case, or have been identified as a close contact) does NOT need to get tested (unless they develop symptoms themselves). If they have symptoms or not, if they get a negative test result, they still need to isolate for the advised period of time (i.e. generally 14 days from the date they last had exposure to the positive case)