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Autumn Term Update 10:

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you all continue to be well.

Please can I start by saying thank you for all your lovely comments this week. We are trying our best to make sure that the children get some elements of Christmas while they are in school and it has been great to get feedback from you to let us know it is appreciated. This means a lot to all the staff.

Thank you to everyone that has sent in a donation to help us to pay for all the Christmas activities, this is very welcome. Thanks to Mrs Davis for organising additional fundraising with other parents- £400 raised. This is brilliant! Thank you so much for your support. We also realise that this is a tough time for many families financially so please don't worry if you haven't sent anything in.

We are also mindful that as time moves on some of you are getting anxious about the possibility of having to self-isolate over Christmas. Obviously we cannot guarantee that we won't have a positive case of Covid in school over the next two weeks but we are working hard to ensure that children are only in close contact with others from their class. As I'm sure you will appreciate this is a huge logistical task within a school and has resulted in big changes to the way we operate. To think that we have now kept this going for a whole term is unbelievable. It is certainly taking its toll on everyone.

Christmas activities still to come over the next two weeks:

Date	Activity
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)



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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) 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

Y3 children are also visiting the local care homes next week to sing from a social distance. We know this is something that the residents are really looking forward to and I'm sure this will be an emotional time for all involved.

We hope you have been enjoying the Y6 Christmas stories and Advent Calendar pictures on our facebook page. Thank you to the Y6 children and staff for the stories and Mrs Brown for preparing the pictures. Thanks also goes to Mr Bishop who manages our facebook page and is responsible for everything that goes on there to keep you involved in what is happening at school. I know many of you really appreciate this communication.

A HUGE Christmas thank you must also go to Mrs Caine for organising and preparing the activities for the parties on top of her roles as lunchtime supervisor and wrap-around care provider. Thanks also to our lunchtime staff who are staying in the afternoons to help run the games. The Christmas Committee have done an excellent job planning and co-ordinating the fun in school.

Christmas cards & presents

Cards have been coming in this week and have been posted in year group post boxes. These will be distributed by the Christmas post elves next week.

If your child would like to exchange presents with others in school these need to be brought in next week. 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 final week of term, the week beginning 14.12.20.

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!

I'm sure you will have noticed that there is a theme to this week's letter- one of thanks. Our school only operates successfully when we all work together. There have been many negatives attached to the current situation but the way we are all working together as a team is proving to be a massive positive consequence. Thanks to everyone.

Best wishes.

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)