



Bowburn Primary News

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Christmas Dates for your diary!

November 27th 2020

For all of us Christmas will look different this year and school is no exception. So our usual activities such as Xmas Fairs and concerts in church can't take place but we still want to make Christmas a special time in school for the children, whilst still keeping everyone safe.

We will still be having parties in bubbles/classes, and the dates are below to allow you to plan.

(NB: more details about parties and other activities will follow later.)

- Tuesday 1st December: **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GO UP**
Tues. 8th December: **INFANT CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY**
Wed. 9th December: **JUNIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY**
Friday 11th December: **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- Save the Children £1 donation**
Monday 14th December: **Y2 CHRISTMAS PARTY- PM**
Y3 CHRISTMAS PARTY -PM
Tuesday 15th December: **Y4 CHRISTMAS PARTY- PM**
RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PARTY -PM
Wed. 16th December: **YEAR 1 CHRISTMAS PARTY -PM**
YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS PARTY- PM
Thurs. 17th December: **YEAR 5 CHRISTMAS PARTY-PM**
NURSERY CHRISTMAS PARTY- (Morning -ALL PUPILS)
POLAR EXPRESS AFTERNOON- YEAR 2
Friday 18th December: **END OF TERM !**

School re opens on Monday 4th January 2021

We also plan to produce a short Christmas video for each class/year group to share with parents, probably via Class Dojo/FaceBook. Children who don't have suitable permissions for this won't be included (unless you tell us otherwise.)

Christmas Parties: Children should come to school in their party clothes on the day of the party. Food will be prepared by school this year. There will be a small cost towards food and prizes for the parties, which can be paid via Parent Pay, to be set up shortly.

Christmas Cards: Can we suggest that if children want to send Christmas cards they do this to their class only. Cards can be posted in a class postbox (deadline 14.12.20) and they will be kept until the last Thursday of term when they will be distributed.

Lastly.....Pantomime ! We have arranged for an online Pantomime : 'Jack and the Beanstalk' for all pupils in school. This will be watched in bubbles or classes, and should be great fun. (Children who may have to be at home due to isolating will also not miss out on this treat.) Peter Duncan of Blue Peter fame is presenting this exciting production, which we hope the children will all enjoy.



Children in Need Day— A BIG thankyou !

Thanks to everyone who donated on Children in Need Day , via Parent Pay or a donation to school. We raised an amazing £632.75 in total , which included £180 from staff cake sales across the year.

We are blown away by your generosity, thank you so much!

Parent/Carer Updates

Unfortunately we are unable to hold face to face meetings with parents/carers this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. Instead we will be sending out short written updates from teachers, which will include information on how children have settled back into school this year, and how they are doing in the key areas, plus any areas you can support us with to help get children 'caught up'

These will be sent out next week via Class Dojo.

SEND support plans for this term will also be shared with parents at the same time.

CLASS DOJO:



By now we hope all of you have managed to set up Class Dojo and have been able to interact with school, see examples of work produced by the children and directly message your child's teachers about learning if you need to. We have had very positive feedback so far!

Class Dojo is our way of ensuring that we can continue to provide online learning activities in the event of classes or bubbles being sent home to isolate or if pupils are at home due to a positive case in the household. There is an expectation that ALL children will engage in online learning whilst at home and that staff will monitor this and follow up if necessary. More can be found about Class Dojo on the school website or get in touch via the normal channels if you need help to set it up or you don't have access to I.T. devices during isolation.

COVID 19 UPDATES.

As a school we have had minimal disruption to the children's education this term which is fantastic, and though we did have to send the Y4 bubble home recently, we have had no positive cases amongst pupils. We hope to keep it this way! Thanks to parents and Y4 pupils for engaging with the online learning so well, via Class Dojo. We were impressed with how hard everyone worked to keep up with their learning.

A few Covid 19 reminders:

- ⇒ If any pupil shows symptoms of Covid 19 please DO NOT send them to school, isolate and book a test for them and keep us informed .
- ⇒ Please do not congregate around the school gates at the start or end of the day, as this can cause unnecessary congestion—especially at the infant site .
- ⇒ Children shouldn't need to bring bags to school- water bottles and reading books/homework files only. NB: Mobile phones are NOT ALLOWED to be brought to school by the children.
- ⇒ Parents collecting pupils are advised to wear face coverings please.

New School News



The new school building work continues at speed and those of you who come up the junior site can't fail to notice the huge structure taking shape on the field! The glazing and roof is completed and work has now started on the internal parts of the school; walls and classrooms are taking shape quickly!

Mrs Glass and Mr Collinson, Chair of Governors, had a visit on Friday and new photos and videos will be posted on the Bowburn Primary Facebook page.

At the moment the build is on schedule and we are expecting that the school will open fully to all pupils from MONDAY 12th APRIL 2021, which is the first day back after the Easter holidays next year. However, in order to give us time to pack up, move in and unpack the school will close to pupils prior to the Easter holidays, probably during w/c 15th March 2021. A definite date for this will be shared as soon as the handover date is confirmed from D.C.C. and Esh Construction.

Y4 NASAL FLU VACCINES:

These will be given to pupils in Y4 who missed their vaccine due to isolating at home on **Monday 14th December, in school.**

If you have already made your own arrangement through GP or elsewhere, please let us know so we can inform the NHS team.

Thank you!

PE Kit.

Thank you to everyone who has tried to ensure children are now wearing correct PE kit from half term. We hope that problems with the supplier have also been sorted. If not do get in touch.

Please can ALL children wear correct PE kit which is part of our uniform—blue shorts, red t-shirt and school tracksuits on their PE days. *Thank you!*