

Civitas Academy Bulletin

11/12/20



Update from Mr Wieder

Welcome to the penultimate bulletin of the year. It was great to see so many Christmas jumpers today. Well done everybody for all of your efforts. There are a lot of different events on next week, some of which can be dressed up for, I will put into the table below the details:

Day	Dressing Up (optional)
Tuesday 15 th December- KS2 Pantomime	Children in Y3, Y4 and Y5 can dress up in costumes or own clothes for the day
Wednesday 16 th December- EYFS and KS1 Pantomime	Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 can dress up in costumes or own clothes for the day.
Wednesday 16 th December- Y5 Victorian Day	Children in Y5 can wear Victorian clothes
Thursday 17 th December- Christmas Lunch	Children in all year groups may wear Christmas jumpers if they wish. They should wear all other parts of the uniform.

Next week, you will receive a letter from REAch2 regarding reporting arrangements for confirmed cases of COVID-19 during the Christmas holiday period. The format to report will be similar to the one used at October half term with a link to a Microsoft Form to be completed in the event of a positive case. If the event of a positive case of a child or staff member being reported in the first week of the Christmas holidays, the school will contact all families that have been traced as a close contact of that particular bubble.

Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunches have now been ordered. Anyone who hasn't ordered a Christmas lunch will need to bring in their own packed lunch from home.

INSET Day

Please note that the 4th January 2021 will be an INSET day and the first day back for all children will be the 5th January 2021.

Year 2 Phonics Test

Well done to all of the children that took part in the Y2 phonics check this week. This test is usually taken in June when the children are in Y1. At this point, there are still some children that have yet to take the test, but the early indications are that the school will yet again exceed the last published national average and on track to least meet the previous school best percentage of 86% set in 2019. Children that did not pass the check this time round will continue to receive additional support and will re-take at the end of Y2.

Christmas Cards

Please note we will be quarantining Christmas cards that come into school for 72 hours before they are handed out. Please could children avoid licking down the envelopes and leave the flap open or use tape instead. Therefore, the latest date for Christmas cards to be handed out is **Tuesday 15th December**.

School Street Proposal

Thank you to the eight people who completed the survey link shared in the bulletin last week. Of the eight people that completed the form, five would support the proposal and three wouldn't. Additional comments raised in the free text aspect of the questionnaire were arrangements for pregnant or new mothers would need to be considered to park closer to school. The second point raised by another parent would be ideally parents would both drive and park safely, those that didn't, would be fined and if this didn't work, then the school street may need to be pursued. At this point, the school will not be pursuing the school street option. We will keep you updated if this stance changes

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder to complete the online form if you wish for your child to have the flu vaccination on Wednesday 16th December. The deadline for booking this is Tuesday 15th by midday.

Donations to New Beginnings

Thank you to all the families that donated last week. We will no longer be taking any additional donations next week.

Attendance

Our average attendance for the year remains at 95.9%.

COVID 19 Symptoms Procedure

A reminder that the main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. If you or your child present with any of these symptoms, you must not attend school and should arrange to get a coronavirus test. You should stay at home and do not have visitors until you get a test result-only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

You can book a coronavirus test on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You must inform the school if you suspect that you or your child requires a coronavirus test and you should inform us immediately if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus.

In the event of a child displaying any symptoms in school, we would move your child to our isolation room and you would be asked to collect, isolate and arrange for a test.

In the event of a confirmed case of coronavirus, parents would be informed and the children identified as close contacts in the bubble would be required to isolate. Remote home learning would then be provided during that time.

Events Diary

Date (Time)	Event
Tuesday 15 th December (PM)	KS2 Online Pantomime
Wednesday 16 th December	Y5 Victorian Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 16 th December(PM)	EYFS/ KS1 Online Pantomime-£1 donation to be made on Tucasi
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Crafts
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term