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Newsletter – 15.11.21

Dear Parents,

The weeks seem to be flying by – school is always a busy place with lots going on and I want to keep you updated as we move towards the festive period. The Covid-19 Risk Assessments and control measures that we put into place in September continue to be followed. Currently the children are kept in their separate ‘bubbles’ in the school building. They only mix outside as larger ‘bubbles.’ We will be keeping these control measures in place for the foreseeable future. We are aware that other Primary Schools are having surges in cases of coronavirus. Our main concern at Kirkbride is to keep everyone safe and well. I thank you all for continued support especially with the staggered entry /exit times and wearing masks in the playground and social distancing. Please can I ask that parents continue these measures. After the Christmas holidays and moving into January the Risk Assessments will be again evaluated by the Governors and Staff.

New Head Teacher – Mrs K. Barley

As you will all now be aware from previous correspondence - Mrs Barley will be joining the school as Head Teacher in January 2022. From January she will be teaching Elm Class every Thursday and Friday; Mrs Howe will continue to teach the class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Hillman will be working as a Senior Teaching Assistant with both teachers to support learning. I will be meeting with Mrs Barley over the remaining part of my headship as part of the transition of the leadership of the school. I have already discussed the possibility of a residential for the older pupils next year and Mrs Barley is keen to look into this further in the new year.

Mrs Fordyce’s Retirement

At Christmas, Mrs Fordyce will be retiring from her position as a Senior Teaching Assistant after 22 years of service to the school and the education of the children of Kirkbride. I know that some parents would like the opportunity to wish Mrs Fordyce farewell, therefore if any parents would like to pop into school at 8.30am on either Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th December to see Mrs Fordyce she will be in the school hall. Please wear a mask when entering the building. If the weather is fair she will be outside the hall doors.

Christmas Nativity Performance 2021

Again this year all classes are putting together a very special video in place of our ‘Christmas Performance’ – this will then be shared on our website.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 1st December

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch, of turkey with all the trimmings, please can all orders be made on ‘Lunch Shop’ by Thursday 25th November. There will be a vegetarian option. If your child does not want a turkey lunch they will need to be provided with a packed lunch. Your child is welcome to come to school that day wearing their Christmas jumper.

Advent Service with Rev Bryan Rothwell – Wednesday 1st December

We are hoping, weather permitting, that we can have a special Advent Service on the playground at 10.00a.m. Parents are welcome to join us. Please wear a face mask.



PTA Christmas Activity Day – Monday 13th December

Every year the PTA kindly buy each child a chocolate gift and they are ‘won’ by playing lots of Christmas games and activities. The games will take place during the day and are always great fun. If your child is not in that day their special gift will be kept for them. A huge thank you to the PTA for this Christmas treat!

Christmas Class Parties – Tuesday 14th December

Children can come to school in their party clothes and will enjoy lots of party games with their class mates.

‘The Snowman’ Activity Day – Wednesday 15th December

This will be a very magical day in school. Each class will watch the film and complete creative activities about the story. We are hoping that if we keep our fingers crossed we may have a very special visitor! More details to follow about this day.

CFM Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 16th December

This will be our final day before the Christmas holidays and children can come to school in their Christmas jumper and donate £1 to CFM Cash for Kids. Children can bring a toy or game that day to play with their friends. Nothing electronic or expensive!

If you feel that this year your family would benefit from help with Christmas presents from CFM Mission Christmas, please let us know and we will put in an application on your behalf.

Holidays in Term Time

Holidays in terms time are not authorised except in exceptional circumstances. You must fill in a ‘Holiday Form’ which can be found on our website or a paper copy can be printed for you by the School Office. Please ensure this form is completed at least 6 weeks before booking a holiday in term time. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis following strict Government guidelines. Covid-19 will not be classed as an exceptional circumstance. You are liable to a fine and/prosecution if your child’s leave is unauthorised. Please support your child’s education by not taking them out of school during the term. Thank you.

Community Governor Vacancy

We have an exciting vacancy on our Governing Body for one ‘Community Governor’. The role of the Community Governor is to increase community representation and/or bring skills, knowledge or experience onto the Governing Body. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of the children in the community, then this role would suit you. If you are interested in the position or would like more information about the role, please contact Janice Hedworth, Chair of Governors. (janice.hedworth@kirkbride.cumbria.sch.uk) or see our school website.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any queries or questions please ask.

Yours sincerely

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