



## Weekly Newsletter – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020



### **Thank you!**

I can't believe that I am writing the final Newsletter of 2020. This term and indeed year have been unforgettable in so many ways but I must say a heartfelt thank you to the whole school community for their support and hard work throughout this challenging time.

When we came back in September to the new rules and guidelines – I don't think any of us truly believed that they would still all be needed by Christmas. I am so proud of how well the children adapted to all the new changes and routines, both during the school day and at after-school club. They have all shown a real commitment to their learning and I have been so pleased to see the super progress that they have made over the term. It has been especially lovely to see our Reception children settle in so well and take their first steps with their learning. What a lovely class they are!

I am also incredibly proud of my staff who have all been determined to ensure that school feels as normal as it can to the children despite all the changes. They have worked so hard to keep our children safe and happy and have all stepped up to cover for colleagues during times of illness to minimise the impact on both our children and you our parents.

Finally, thank you to you, our wonderful parents, for all your kind words and support throughout the term and for being so vigilant with following the many guidelines. It has made a real difference.

### **Christmas 2020**

Although some of our Christmas events have had to be changed this year, we have endeavoured to still make this a special time for our children.

#### ***Lapland Run/Walk***

Congratulations to all the children who collectively covered the 145 miles to Lapland and helped Santa and Comet save Christmas!

#### ***Reception and Y2 Nativity and Year 1 Christmas Assembly***

The classteachers have emailed out links to all their parents. Reception's link was sent on Wednesday and Y1 and Y2 today. If you have not received yours, please message me at the email included below.

#### ***Pantomime***

Although we were disappointed that the whole school visit couldn't take place as planned, the children enjoyed watching Jack and The Beanstalk via a virtual link to the Lowther Pavilion.

### ***Recording of Christmas Songs and Carols for Milbanke***

The Y6 members of the choir recorded some of our favourite carols and songs for the day visitors at Milbanke to enjoy. It was certainly an unusual experience singing in a small group whilst stood socially distanced across a draughty hall but it meant it could still happen within the COVID guidelines. It also made us feel a little more Christmassy too!

### ***Christmas Dinner and Party Day***

The children and staff looked lovely and Christmassy yesterday. There was a fabulous atmosphere in school for our Christmas lunch (which was delicious) and the parties. There were lots of party games for everybody - we just missed the singing which would normally be coming out of the classrooms. Thank you to our kitchen staff who worked so hard to produce and serve such a lovely dinner!

### **Positive Covid Cases – Track and Trace**

I posted a letter on Class Dojo earlier this week in relation to the school's requirement to act as track and trace for the next 6 days. **Just a reminder that if your child (or a member of staff) demonstrates symptoms within the next 48 hours and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, you need to contact school by email at [head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk)** . I am then required to contact the pupils or teachers in any bubble which may need to isolate as a result of a positive test. Fingers crossed this won't be needed.

If any symptoms develop after this weekend then there is no need to inform school as the usual Government track and trace system will operate.

### **Foodbank Opening Times**

Just a reminder that if you do need support over the festive period we have put details of foodbank opening hours and how to access support with energy bills on both Facebook and Clasdojo.

### **Happy Holidays**

Finally, on behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year - surely 2021 can only be better!

### **School re-opens on Tuesday 5th January 2020**

(The same staggered morning start times still apply)

I look forward to seeing the children back at school in January but in the meantime they have certainly earned their well-deserved break.

With very best wishes for a lovely and safe holiday.

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