



## FRIDAY EMAIL UPDATE – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

**TRACK AND TRACE DfE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:** You may have read or seen in the news that schools are being asked to remain 'on call' as part of the track and trace system for the Covid-19 response after we've broken up for Christmas. This means that parents/carers should inform their child's school if their child has a positive test result within 48 hours of last being in school. This means that up to 3.15pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December you should contact school on [bursar@samlesbury.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@samlesbury.lancs.sch.uk) if your child has a positive test result. We will then contact the other families in your child's class to inform them that their child(ren) will need to self-isolate and for how long this is. Thank you.

### FOSS UPDATE:

**Chocolate Tombola:** Thank you for supporting the chocolate tombola today. I know that KS2 children who are attending the film tonight will be well stocked up with treats to eat as they watch the film!

**Christmas Raffle:** The draw is being held this afternoon and will be filmed so that you can check to see if you have a winning ticket this evening. The film will be uploaded onto the FOSS Facebook page.

Thank you to FOSS for all their enthusiasm and hard work and to everyone for supporting school so generously. All the funds raised will all be used to provide the extras for all the children in school over the coming year.

### CHRISTMAS DIARY UPDATE:

- On Tuesday this week we had Quantum Theatre Company in to perform a Covid secure version of the classic Christmas poem 'The Night Before Christmas'. This was a fantastic treat and brought to life, with a modern twist, this most Christmassy of poems.
- The children are busy making Christmas cards to send to our older generation in the community in collaboration with church. It's great to be able to link with those who may not be able to see as many friends and family as they usually do.
- Christmas art/craft & design has begun in school. In the infant we have already being making salt dough decorations and writing the instructions to go with them. Next week it'll be like Santa's workshop in the classroom with all sorts of Christmas art and craft planned! Thank you for all the contributions for the art and craft and the pantomime. Payment for these is all via Parent Pay if at all possible to ensure we are Covid safe.
- Christmas party day and Christmas lunch Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (£2.30 for KS2) will still take place in their class bubbles (party clothes all day). Santa will be making a Covid safe appearance.
- Whole School Christmas Dance: A lot of fun was had on Monday recording the dance. You will be able to view the dance via the website and a MP4 copy should be ready to send to families before the end of term. Please can I ask that this is **NOT uploaded** onto any media platform as per the Acceptable Use agreement parents signed at the start of the year. Thank you.

The December newsletter (going out next week) will be full of photos to give you a snap shot of everything we have been doing in school in December. It's been a busy time!

### END OF TERM CAROL SERVICE & CELEBRATION WORSHIP:

The end of term carol service will take place remotely in school via Zoom on the final day, with the Year 6 pupils leading the service as usual from the hall. Our infants and year 3/4 will remain in their own classrooms. We will also be awarding our end of term progress winners for reading, writing and maths as usual. Parents of our progress winners will be informed at the start of next week.

**IN SEARCH OF CHRISTMAS:** this is the link for the next instalment for the Search for Christmas advent activity from Pam Daunton (from Junior Church at St Leonard the Less)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEi4WPDguBo&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8ROgvlBYkY&feature=youtu.be>

### VIRTUAL CHRISTINGLE

This year, the United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury are hosting a virtual Christingle Service on Zoom on Christmas Eve at 5pm. You could make your own Christingle to light during the service. Be as creative as you want! If you are interested in attending, please could you email Helen Holroid [helenjane0802@gmail.com](mailto:helenjane0802@gmail.com) by Monday 14th December.



### OFSTED COVID VISIT

On the 10<sup>th</sup> November we had a remote Covid Ofsted visit. These visits are designed to gather information to inform the government and parents nationally how schools are responding to the return to school. These visits are not Ofsted inspections. Myself and Mrs Quayle (in her role as Assistant Headteacher) spent the day remotely with the inspectors sharing with the inspectors everything we have been doing in school; we had a very positive day. The letter which Ofsted writes to sum up the visit is a very brief summary and doesn't represent everything we talked about at all! If you would like to read the letter it is available via the school website or by following the link below.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50158068>

### HOLIDAY DATES:

Close for Christmas: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the normal staggered end time for your child's class

Return to school: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January at your child's normal staggered start time

*Please see the school website for holiday dates*

Have a lovely weekend,

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