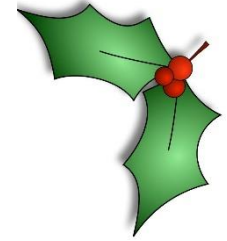




Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy



Newsletter 10

4th December 2020

Christmas Dinner



If you would like to order a Christmas Dinner for your child, it will take place on Thursday 10th December. There will be Festive Turkey Rolls - with Stuffing and Cranberry on the side or Roasted Vegetable & Stuffing parcels, Crunchy vegetable sticks and home baked Christmas biscuits or ice-cream with Christmas sprinkles. Due to the COVID restrictions in school, children will be having their Christmas meals in their classrooms within their bubbles. Please order through School Grid.

Christmas Events

Thursday 10th December - We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniforms for this day, as it is Christmas Dinner day.

Friday 18th December-- We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniforms for the final day before the Christmas break.

Film Afternoon - Thank you to the PTFA for providing the classes with films and 'goodies' for the final week of term. During this week, each class will have a Christmas film afternoon to celebrate the festive season.

Christmas Parties - Christmas parties will take place during the final week of this term. Dates for each year group to follow. The children are invited to wear their Christmas party clothes for the day that their year group party takes place. Please ensure that children have warm clothes for both inside and outside the classroom. Children will need to wear sensible shoes to play on the yards in during the day. You do not need to provide anything for parties at this time; the school will provide some party snacks.

Christmas Songs- The classes have been busy practising their Christmas songs. All being well we will be recording the songs to put on our website for you all to view closer to Christmas.



COVID Reminders

It has been lovely to welcome back Year 1 to school this morning. I have seen lots of smiling faces as we welcome back the children and a few relieved faces from parents!

Please I can remind you all about the staggered starts.

It is important that as we are currently in Tier 3, the very high alert level, we need to maintain social distancing on the yard for adults and children. This is to ensure the community is remaining as safe as possible at this time.

If I let all of the families onto the yards at once, there are a lot of people on the Year 1/2 yard and the Year 3/4 yard. The decision was made to stagger the school day to avoid this congestion as much as possible.

Unfortunately, there is now congestion at the front gates as families are arriving **too early**. Parents have stated that classes are opening the doors before their year group time, this is to allow siblings of children from other classes to enter school, if it is wet or too cold, this will also ensure less congestion when you arrive at school. Your children will not get late marks at this time if they arrive a few minutes after the staggered start time. Please don't worry about that.

Times for the last two weeks of term:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Arrive at School for</u>	<u>Arrive to collect children</u>
Nursery	8:30am	2:55pm
Reception	8:45pm	3:05pm
Year 1	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 2	8:50am	3:05pm
Year 3	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 4	8:45am	3:05pm

If this arrangement does not work, we will have to revise the times for the start of the Spring term.

- Any positive COVID 19 cases should be reported immediately by email to office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk. We are monitoring this inbox and therefore we will pick up your message out of hours. Please use the subject line "Positive COVID Test".
- We will inform families as soon as possible if bubbles will be closed so that you can put the necessary arrangements in place. Sometimes we will have to make the precautionary decision of closing bubbles until we can get advice from Public Health England.
- If anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID, **all the household needs to isolate**, children cannot attend school; a test is required for the person with symptoms. If the test is positive, the whole of the household must isolate for 14 days, from the date of test or onset of symptoms.
- Any messages for class teachers to be passed via the office or the year group email if relating to teaching and learning.

Messages from the office:

- It has been brought to our attention that parents using the Teachers 2 Parents App don't always receive our text messages, we think this may be because the app relies on the internet and also doesn't always work if it's not the latest version. Please could we advise all parents to **DELETE THE APP** and then our messages will come through as a standard text, thank you!
- Please could we ask all parents (including Nursery parents) to call us on (01889 221920) or email us (office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk) if your child is absent. You can leave us a message and we will pick it up when we are free.
- Please could we also remind parents that if your child is unwell they shouldn't attend school, and if they have any of the symptoms below we advise them to get a test:
 - Persistent cough
 - High Temperature
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Headaches
 - Aches and Pains
 - Feeling very tired for no good reason
 - Sore Throat
 - Runny Nose
 - Sneezing
 - Tummy Ache

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Rachel Chandler
 Principal