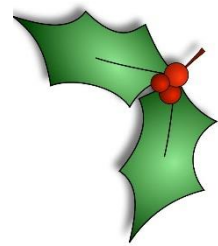


Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy



Newsletter 11

11th December 2020

Christmas Parties:

Nursery - Monday 14th December
Reception - Wednesday 16th December
Year 1 - Friday 18th December
Year 2 - Friday 18th December
Year 3 - Wednesday 16th December
Year 4 - Thursday 17th December



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.

Dates:

School will remain open on Friday 18th December, this is the last day of term and we will finish the day at the normal times.

Christmas Holiday - Monday 21st December - January 4th 2021

Children back to school - Tuesday 5th January 2021

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 Performance- 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. Watch this space!!!!



Christmas Reminders:

We are very sorry about children not being able to send Christmas cards into school this year. Every child will be making a personal Christmas card to take home, but it will have an appropriate quarantine period to ensure that it is safe!



Due to the current climate, we are asking you to save your pennies this year that you would have otherwise spent on teacher gifts. Staff are always very appreciative of gifts but understand that things are very different for us all this year. We know that lots of you would love to show your appreciation and you are always so generous. However, please do not bring gifts into school at this time for teachers or for your children's friends, and let's ensure we are as safe as possible at this festive time. Hopefully next year things will be looking brighter for us all.



Messages from the office:

To help with the smooth running of the school during this difficult time, please can we remind you all to send any messages about picks up, to the office by 12pm this will ensure that messages can be put on the registers for staff to pick up for the afternoon session.

Helping Hands Community Cupboard:

Uttoxeter Heath Community Centre run a Helping Hands Community Cupboard every Tuesday and Thursday morning 10-12noon. The 'Helping Hands Team' help any families with food, sanitary items, gas and electric for those who use cards and more. If you want to know more call them on 07548 687632 or you can just turn up. They can help with lots of things, not just food and you don't need to provide any evidence for them to give you support.

Teachers 2 Parents App:

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!

COVID Reminders:

It has been lovely to welcome back Reception to school this morning, we have missed having you in school and look forward to enjoying the last week of term with you all.

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.

- 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.
- 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
- Any messages for class teachers to be passed via the office or the year group email if relating to teaching and learning.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Rachel Chandler

Principal.