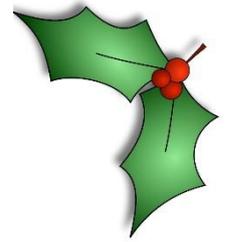


Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy



Newsletter 12

18th December 2020



Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during this very 'different' Autumn Term for Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy. The staff have been so proud of how the children have adapted to the new routines of the classrooms and around our school. The run-up to Christmas has been very different this year, for the whole of the school community. The staff of the school have ensured that Christmas events have taken place safely in the children's bubbles and this week the children have enjoyed, Christmas films, Christmas parties and most importantly the children enjoyed a very special virtual visit from Father Christmas. We would like to thank Father Christmas for taking the time to visit us here at Tynsel, we know you must be very busy preparing all the presents that you will be delivering Christmas Eve, we have some very excited little people.

I would also like to thank the staff for filming the children singing their Christmas songs and telling us all of the First Christmas. A special thank you to Mrs Skelton for editing the film and putting all the parts together. We hope that you and your families enjoy watching Tynsel Parkes' Nativity this year from the comfort of your homes.



To view Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy's Nativity 2020, go to:

<https://www.tynselparkesacademy.co.uk/curriculum> . Please feel free to share the link with your friends, family and care homes where your families might be staying over Christmas. We will also be uploading some videos from our music lessons for Years 1 and 3 on the same page later today.

Helping Hands Community Cupboard

Uttoxeter Heath Community Centre run a Helping Hands Community Cupboard every Tuesday and Thursday morning 10-12 noon. 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 19 Update for the Christmas Holidays

If any member of your household is displaying any of the 3 main Covid 19 symptoms the whole household must self-isolate while organising a test for the symptomatic household member, and whilst awaiting that test result.

If your child develops symptoms on or up to 20 December, please inform school as soon as you have a test result so we can implement our academy procedures in relation to informing other children and staff.

If your child develops symptoms from Monday 21 December please inform us as soon as you have test results. In most cases this will not result in the need for school based Track and Trace.

When contacting school during the Christmas break for positive Covid cases, please use the office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk email, including the following information:

- Subject: COVID positive result
- Child's name and class
- Date they were last in school
- Date of first symptoms
- Date of test

Staff will not be able to respond to any emails that do not relate to a positive Covid 19 case during the Christmas break.

Forest Schools

This week was the last week of forest schools for Year 2 and 4. Forest schools will begin on Tuesday 5th January - Year 1 (the first day back) and Wednesday 6th January -Year 3. Children will need to wear warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies, this will ensure children keep warm and comfortable during this activity.

January Reminders

- 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 and wait for the results before returning to school:
 - 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



On behalf of the whole team at Tynsel Parkes we would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas, and that you and your families stay safe.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th January 2021!

Mrs. Rachel Chandler and all at Tynsel Parkes.

Merry Christmas

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Amen.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

