

Autumn Term Newsletter

December 2020

"Opening Hearts & Minds"



**** IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ ****

Flu Spray Vaccination for ALL Consenting Children

Information from Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS regarding the flu vaccination has now been sent out by **ParentMail** to inform you that the Health Care Team will be in school on **Wednesday, 2nd December 2020** from 1.00pm. The flu vaccine is simply a spray up the child's nose, it is painless and very quick.

As last year, the Flu Immunisation Consent Form (one for each child) is to be completed online to save on paper copies.

Information on how to do this has been sent to you.

If the consent form is not completed online in time for their visit your child may not be able to have the spray on Wednesday, 2nd December.

A NHS Public Health England poster is available to view at www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

Christmas Card Post Box

This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are asking children to **ONLY** send cards to **their own class**.

They must be posted in each year's own class post box by **Friday, 11th December** at the latest.

This is to ensure they have had time to 'quarantine' for 3-4 days before being handled by anyone.

Any cards posted the following week, won't be handed to the children, so it is important to get them posted by the **11th**.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate it isn't ideal to have to do this, but unfortunately, there isn't any other alternative.

Children are welcome to send cards to any staff members should they wish to do so and these can also be posted in their class post box.

A class list is available from the school office should you require one.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

End of Term Holiday

As we're fast approaching the end of Autumn term, we just wanted to confirm the following dates:-

School closes on **Thursday, 17th December** as Friday, 18th December is an Inset day for staff.

School reopens for Spring Term on **Monday, 4th January 2021**.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on **Thursday, 10th December**.

We encourage all children to have a FREE Christmas dinner.

Please advise the office if your child does not want a dinner but will be bringing their own packed lunch.



Dinner Menu Change

We have two changes to the dinner menu week commencing **Monday, 14th December** on **week 2**.

Tuesday, 15th December - Instead of spaghetti Bolognese and butterscotch tart children will be having **Nottinghamshire sausage, roast potatoes, green beans, carrot and swede mash with a snowman meringue for dessert.**

Thursday, 17th December – Instead of roast beef and honey & oatmeal cookie for dessert, children will be having their **Christmas Party Day buffet lunch.**

Stay & Play Event

As you're aware, we're currently raising funds for the new charity the children have chosen as this year's charity, which is **Children in Need**.

We are having a Stay and Play after school session for children to attend.

The price is **£3.00** per child.

Each class will have an individual session as follows:-

Reception – Already held

Year 1 – Thursday, 3rd December 2.50pm – 4.30pm

Year 2 – Thursday, 10th December 3.10pm – 4.30pm

Please can you send your child's money in a named enveloped and ask your child to hand it to their class teacher or Mrs Benham in the school office.

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Year 1 – Please note if your child is NOT attending the Stay & Play session on **Thursday, 3rd December** you will still need to collect your child from All Saints Centre at **2.50pm**.

ONLY children attending the afterschool session will come back to school at 2.50pm to stay behind till 4.30pm.

Thank you!

Christmas Pantomime

This year the children will watch a virtual pantomime called '**The Selfish Giant**' which will be held in school in their own class on **Wednesday, 16th December**, "*Oh yes they are!!*"
Don't forget to ask your child all about it!!

Parents/Carers Telephone Consultations

We would just like to say a big thank you to all parents/carers we've spoken to over the past few weeks regarding children's learning journeys via telephone. This has been a new way to hold the usual Parents Evening consultations, so we appreciate your co-operation during this stage.

If you missed your slot or weren't aware of the opportunity to discuss their development, please contact your class teacher via Seesaw or the school office so this can be arranged for you.

Christmas Party Day & Lunch

Our Christmas Party Day and buffet lunch will be held on **Thursday, 17th December**.

This will be a **non-uniform** day and children can come in their favourite outfit. No hot dinners will be served on the 17th, as they will be having a **buffet party lunch**. We are planning on having lots of fun and games on the last day of term!



Winter Weather

Now the weather is turning colder, please can we kindly remind you to send your children to school with appropriate warm clothing ie: **scarves, hat and gloves** etc for when they are playing outside.
Many thanks.

Head Lice

Just to make you aware that when children are at school and pre-school it will be inevitable that children will experience head lice at one point or another and unfortunately, we currently have a few cases in school.
Therefore, can we please ask parents/carers to be extra vigilant when checking their child's hair.

If you find any head lice or eggs, please treat appropriately.
When you wash their hair, ensure you use conditioner and then carefully comb through with a fine toothed comb.

You may wish to check other members of the family at the same time.
Children do **not** need to be kept off school during the treatment period.
It is advisable to keep long hair tied up to stop any potential spread going from child to child.

Please can you inform either your child's class teacher or the school office should you find any head lice, so we are aware of any current cases.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

For further guidance please speak to your local pharmacist.
For full information and advice, please visit the following website:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Birthday Sweets & Treats Update

Just to remind you of an update regarding birthday sweets and treats.

If you do wish to send any sweets into your child's class when it is their birthday, you are welcome to do so, however, please can we ask that only **sealed/wrapped** sweets & chocolates ie: Haribo, Maltesers, Milky Way's fun size packets etc, are brought into school.

Due to COVID we are now no longer able to hand out any sweets that are unwrapped due to a hygiene risk. Please don't worry if you have done this before, there hasn't been an issue, it's just something we need to mention now due to the current circumstances.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.



Finally ~

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We will all be pleased to see the back of 2020 and let's hope 2021 will be much kinder and happier for us all!!

Until January 2021, stay safe, keep well and take care!

