

2022 - 2023 Edition Three (9.12.2022)



Merry Christmas

As usual, term two has disappeared into a blur and Christmas has crept up on us in school. As 2022 draws to a close, we can look back on a year of enjoying getting back to some old routines and getting used to slightly newer ones. A year packed full of learning, fantastic trips linked to the children's learning and two amazing residential visits. The world around us seems to be fraying slightly but together, we continue to ensure the children enjoy school and enjoy learning.

Scarlet Fever / Strep

I'm sure we are all aware that Scarlet Fever/Strep is doing its pre-Christmas rounds and more worryingly, the more stringent Strep A variation, is becoming more prominent. Currently, we only have four cases of Scarlet Fever/Strep in school, however, due to the increasing numbers of pupils absent with similar symptoms, we will need to make some sensible choices and review how we work in school next week.

There are two main things we will be doing to hopefully mitigate the transfer of any bugs in school:

- 1) Reverting to the heightened awareness of personal hygiene, use of hand sanitiser/ tissues in bins with lids etc.
- 2) Avoiding the mixing of large groups of children, thus reverting to the three bubbles: Downstairs, upstairs (minus Harlequin) and the new build (plus Harlequin).

Looking forward to next week's planned festivities, having risk assessed everything, most things will continue with the exception, unfortunately, of the whole school Church Service on Monday morning and the Christmas Fair on Wednesday afternoon. This includes the competitions for the Festive Cake and the Design a Hat too. These will NOT go ahead. We will continue with the raffle, selling tickets next week and holding the draw on the playground on Thursday afternoon after school. Reception and Year One nativities will continue as the children are all in the same bubble, not to mention how disappointed they would be if we cancelled this, due to how hard they've worked on learning their words.

I hope by taking these steps, we can do our bit in school to ensure everyone enjoys a healthy Christmas break.

Christmas Week Activities

Tuesday 13 December	Reception Nativity 9.15 am Christmas Class Parties – in the afternoon
Wednesday 14 December	Year One Nativity 9.15 am Christmas Movie Afternoon
Thursday 15 December -	Christmas Dinner Day
Christmas Jumper/Top and Christmas Dinner in the hall this year. Children will remain in their current lunch bubbles.	
Friday 16 December -	Early Finish - 1.30 pm

It is just left for me to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** and we look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound in school on **Wednesday 4 January 2023 at 8.30 am.**

Dates

Tuesday 3 January 2023 – TD Day
Wednesday 4 January - First day back to School.
Monday 13 – Friday 17 February – School Holiday.

Priestley & Proud
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Mr Marsh-Ballard

