



Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the first newsletter this year but thought we would share as even through Covid-19 we still want to the children to have the best lead up to Christmas as possible. As you will appreciate things will be different this year but we aim to make it as fun as possible. We have combined November and December as there is lots of information to give you.

COVID – 19

Please see the guidance below as advised by the DFE :-

- It is essential that your child does not attend school if they have symptoms of covid-19. These symptoms include a persistent cough with a high temperature or loss of taste/smell. Other symptoms are possible and may need to be checked with a doctor.
- If your child or someone in your household is experiencing symptoms, they must have a test by self-referring via <http://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk> The test must be completed within 3 days of first having the symptoms.
- We kindly ask that if you receive a positive test, that you notify the school as soon as possible by calling 01362 692727 or emailing office@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk
- We will notify you if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 within your class bubble.
- If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19, the school will take advice from Public Health England and notify you of the actions required.



Children in Need – Friday 13th November



On Friday 13th November we will be supporting the BBC Children in Need appeal. On the day we shall:



Have special spotty cupcakes for sale at 50p each from the kitchen at playtime/ snack time. *Please note that the money for cupcakes will need to be sent in with your child in a named purse or envelope on the Friday morning and these must be eaten in school. If we are aware of any child's allergies then a suitable alternative will be available for them).*



Be completing a sponsored five to thrive session. As circumstances are different this year we shall be focussing on and boosting physical and mental wellbeing. Every child will be completing as many activities as they can, these activities will involve the- 'Connect, Take Notice, Get Active, Be Curious and Give'. See how many sponsors you can get! Complete the sponsor form and return it with your money in a sealed envelope by Thursday 12th November.



Come to school wearing spotty clothes (not fancy dress) and donate 50p to the Children in Need appeal.

PTA – Non Uniform Day

Friday 6th November children and staff were able to come to school wearing bright colours to celebrate Guy Fawkes. We raised a huge amount of £122.70. Thank you all for your continued support.

Uniform

Unfortunately due to the covid-19 guidelines, we are requested to have windows open at all times for ventilation. Therefore the classrooms and school are much cooler than usual. We ask to make sure your child/children are sent to school wearing a jumper/cardigan at all times.

Countdown to Christmas!



Decorating Day – Friday 4th December

Friday 4th December is 'Decorating Day'. Children will be making crafts to decorate their classroom.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December



As part of our Christmas celebrations, on Friday 11th December we encourage all children to wear a Christmas Jumper or something Christmas coloured (red/green) at school. We ask that a £1 donation is brought into school in a named envelope to support our local charity EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices).



Christmas Lunch ~ Wednesday 16th December



Main School Only

All children are able to have Christmas Dinner for free as part of the Universal Free School meals for Infants. We will send out a separate order form and ask you to complete and return to the school if your child is having the Christmas dinner.



Nursery and Main School Christmas Parties Thursday 17th December

Children may come into school in non-uniform. Please ensure they come dressed in suitable warm clothing for school activities and playtimes, as normal school activities will still be happening in the morning.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time/Venue
November		
Friday 13 th	Children in Need Wear something Spotty	£1 suggested donation
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Phonics Testing Year 2 Children	
December		
Wednesday 2 nd	School Nasal Flu Immunisation Main School Only	
Friday 4 th	Decorating Day	
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th	History Week Whole School	
Thursday 10 th	King's & Queen's Dress Up Day Year 1 Children	Further information to follow
Friday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day	£1 suggested donation
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas Lunch Main School Only	Further information to follow
Thursday 17 th	Class Christmas Parties Nursery Am Main School PM	Further information to follow
Friday 18 th	Last Day of Term School Closes for Christmas	
JANUARY 2021		
Monday 4 th	School Reopens	8.40am onwards

If you have any comments or questions about the contents of this newsletter then do not hesitate to pop in or call us on 01362 692727.

Thank you for your continued help and support

