



November 2020

Newsletter 3



Christmas with a difference



Unfortunately this year we will be unable to hold our traditional lighting of the Christmas tree event.

I am sure you will have noticed our beautiful Christmas tree is now lit up for all to see and I hope it puts a smile on your face as we approach the end of what has been a very difficult year.

It saddens me that we are unable to all come together as a community this Christmas however we do have lots of events planned in school for the children to enjoy.

Rest assured Christmas will not be cancelled at Biddick Hall Infant and Nursery School, it will just be a little different!

Keeping warm in school

In line with our Covid risk assessment children in school must work in bubbles in well ventilated classrooms. This means that all windows in the classroom are open every day. As the days are becoming colder, even with the heating on, some children may feel the cold.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing plenty of layers, maybe a long sleeved white top under their t-shirt or a cardigan on top of their sweatshirt.

There are fleeces available to buy from Initial Images at a cost of £11.99 which children could wear in class. Please note there is no expectation for you to purchase a fleece.

I trust you understand that whilst this is not an ideal situation it is necessary to ensure we mitigate against all risks to reduce the spread of Covid in our school.

Covid19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (covid19) are:

- a new continuous cough
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Your child should not attend school if they display any of the above symptoms.

For further advice please contact the NHS coronavirus testing contact centre on 119.

The Customs House

I am sure many of you are aware that The Customs House has been significantly effected since the Covid19 outbreak at the beginning of this year. Despite this, their fantastic team have been working so hard to make sure children are still able to watch this years pantomime.

They have arranged an online performance for our children to watch in school which I know they will thoroughly enjoy. We are forever grateful to The Customs House and would like to thank them for all of their efforts to ensure our children do not miss out on our Christmas tradition.

We would like to show our gratitude by raising as much money as we can to support their work. Over the coming weeks you will see fundraising buckets in and around school and we will be collecting donations from parents/carers. There is no charge this year for pantomime tickets and so we kindly ask for any donations in leu of this wherever possible. Thank you in advance for your donations. Please dig deep for this fantastic cause.



the customs house
arts and entertainment for all

Our Attendance Target is 96%



Class	2/11/20	9/11/20	16/11/20	23/11/20	Total
Nursery (AM)	91.13	93.60	92.08	90.40	91.79
Nursery (PM)	95.73	91.53	91.30	90.24	91.81
Nursery (Red)	98.26	100	100	99.22	99.33
Orange	98.72	-	86.67	96.94	96.60
Yellow	97.98	97.56	96.43	99.00	97.77
Green	95.33	99.32	97.33	96.13	97.02
Blue	96.50	98.24	97.80	93.26	96.44
Indigo	96.64	96.26	99.66	98.66	97.80
Violet	96.90	98.61	95.50	92.86	95.99
Total	96.60	97.38	96.46	95.70	96.48

Attendance

This term our School attendance is a fantastic 97%. This is the highest our schools attendance has ever been in one term since I became Head Teacher here in 2016. This is a massive achievement and I would like to thank you all for your efforts to ensure your children are in school each day. I am thrilled at our results. Ordinarily we would hold a celebration assembly for those children who have achieved 100% attendance during a school term. Due to current restrictions the assembly will not be able to go ahead however I can confirm your children's achievements will be recognised and your children will receive their very well deserved bronze award. Keep up the good work.

Well done and Thank you. Mrs A Willis

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to this years poppy appeal. We managed to raise a fantastic £239.70. Thank you and well done!



Thank you

This term has seen some real compassion and empathy for others from our children and parents. We have taken part in Children in Need Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Stand up to Racism Day. It takes a big heart to help others when we are all living under difficult circumstances at the moment. As adults, we have all modelled for the children, how it is important to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. We thank you for the kind donations. We raised £189.50 for Children in Need and £112.32 on Stand Up to Racism Day. We thank you all!. Your children are a credit to you all and the money will go to worthwhile causes.

November Birthdays

Due to covid unfortunately I cannot send birthday cards home. Happy birthday wishes are being sent to our friends who had November birthdays

Caleb L	Vinnie C	Zack M
Jack E	Katie M	Kenley F
Ashton R	Eden E	Hallie Y
Poppy S	Frankie May P	Ivy B
Ellie Mae M	Thomas B	Phoenix R
Mollie R	Alfie B	Honey R
Jamie S	Saxon W	

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas dinner in school – Nursery Red/Yellow/Blue/Violet
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas dinner in school – Orange/Green/Indigo
Friday 11 th December	Dress up for Christmas – Further information to follow
Monday 14 th December	Magic show in school (online performance)
Wednesday 16 th December	Reception Nativity (online performance)
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Parties – Further information to follow
Friday 18 th December	Virtual Christmas Pantomime/ Break up for Christmas
Monday 4 th January	School Closed – Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Back to School