

# Pegswood Primary School News

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Issue 8



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December



## Miss France

Next week will be Miss France's last week with us for a while. Miss France is expecting her second baby in the Spring and the current situation surrounding coronavirus, means that she is classed as too vulnerable to be in schools. We wish Miss France all the best. Mrs Sligo will increase her three days currently with Year 6, to four days and Mrs Miller will take Year 6 on a Monday.

## Staff Christmas Presents

It is not uncommon that many of you buy Christmas presents for your child's teachers and for other members of staff. However, please may we ask you this year to not buy staff presents and this will be in line with other things that we have asked not to come in from home over the course of the term. If you feel you really wish to contribute something, a small item for the food bank would be a suitable alternative. We are always very grateful for the kind presents bought for staff, but we feel for many reasons that it wouldn't be appropriate this year.

## Christmas Parties

A reminder that party season starts next week with Year 2 on Thursday. Please do not send any donations of food in from home - we will supply the children with a drink and small amount of food during the afternoon. If children would like to come to school in 'party clothes', that would make the day a little different for the children. Please ensure that all clothes and footwear are suitable to be worn throughout the day. Please do not send children into school wearing shoes with high heels. The exact day when your child's class will be having their party is detailed below.

## Christmas Jumper Day

The official Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. On this day, if your child would like to wear their Christmas jumper to school, they may. It is normal school uniform for everything other than the jumper. Children may also wear their Christmas jumper on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December when we will be having our Christmas dinner at school. Again, normal school uniform is to be worn apart from the jumper. For both of these events we will not be asking for a monetary donation. However, if you feel that you are able to donate to the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank, donations would be gratefully received.

## Remotely Christmas

We have signed up to be part of Remotely Christmas. More detailed information will be sent out when we receive it. We will send the YouTube link, once we receive it so that if you wish to watch at home, you can. It will also be available on the YouTube channel after the event.



## Coronavirus procedures

With our thoughts turning a little to Christmas, it can be easy to forget the situation we find ourselves in regarding Coronavirus.

In school, we will be doing nothing different to what we have done over the course of the whole term.

All procedures that are currently in place will continue until the end of term.

If we are notified of a positive case in any class bubble, we will inform you and your child must then self-isolate for 14 days. This will affect the whole class bubble – as it always has done since September.

**Should there be a case where symptoms have been apparent up to and including the Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, and the test result comes back positive, we will be informing people to self-isolate when the result is known. Please note that this may be after Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, depending on the speed of the test result.**

If there are any cases brought to our attention when symptoms started after Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, and the test returns positive, the rest of the bubble will not need to self-isolate as there will have been more than two clear days since the positive case was with their bubble.

I appreciate that as we move closer to Christmas self-isolating has a potential huge impact. However, this is the information and rules given to us from Public Health England.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2 Christmas Party

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day  
Reception Christmas Party  
Remotely Christmas

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Year 5 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

School Christmas Dinner  
Christmas jumpers  
Year 3 Christmas Party  
Year 6 Christmas Party

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery Christmas Party  
Year 1 Christmas Party

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

School closes for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

School opens for Spring Term

