

Pegswood Primary School News

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Friday 27th November

Tonight would usually have seen the start of the Christmas season with our Christmas Fair. I am sure you are aware that Christmas will look a little different in school this year. However, Christmas is not cancelled!!



Christmas Parties

Each class will have a Christmas party, but they will be different to normal. Classes will still not mix with other classes and in not doing so, will keep their 'bubble' that they have had all term. We will not be asking for donations of food to be brought in from home. We will supply the children with a drink and small amount of food during the afternoon. Most of the party will be based in the classroom and will involve a variety of different activities. I'm sure Christmas DVDs may make an appearance as will music. 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 11th 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 16th 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.

Christmas Dinner

A reminder that orders for Christmas dinner must be made through School Grid by **Wednesday 2nd December**. Any problems, please speak to our office for help.

Remotely Christmas

We have also signed up for Remotely Christmas which is being brought to our screens by Leading Link, a Northumberland based charity, on Friday 11th December. There are lots of activities that are being pre-recorded that we can watch including Christmas story telling from Seven Stories, Christmas art with a local artist and even an appearance from Santa. Once we get the timings of certain activities and events, teachers will dip in and out of the day, rather than watching the whole thing. We are grateful to Leading Link for producing the day and hope it's something a little different for the children.



Coronavirus procedures

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

Once the national lockdown ends next week, the whole of the North East will still be in the strictest tier of restrictions. Please familiarise yourselves with what they are.

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, we will be informing people up to and including Sunday 20th December, when class members will have to self-isolate.

If there are any cases brought to our attention after this date, the rest of the bubble will not need to self-isolate as there will have been more than 48 hours 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 th December	Year 2 Christmas Party
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Reception Christmas Party Remotely Christmas
Monday 14 th December	Year 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 th December	School Christmas Dinner Christmas jumpers Year 3 Christmas Party Year 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th December	Nursery Christmas Party Year 1 Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 4 th January	School opens for Spring Term

