

BURNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Be Safe, Be Smart, Be Kind

23rd Nov 2020



Dear Parents

Unfortunately on Saturday we received notification that another teacher has tested positive for COVID. This has meant we have had to close Class 5B and ask the children and adults in this bubble to self-isolate. They will be able to come back into school on Tuesday 1st December.

Listening to the news this morning, it is still unclear what national arrangements will be when term ends on December 18th. All we can do until then is to stick to our agreed plan and follow the guidance as closely as possible. The news re a COVID vaccine is sounding very encouraging and perhaps we can glimpse a return to a very different way of living and learning. I certainly hope so.

Christmas Is Coming

Like most things in 2020, Christmas in school is going to be very different this year. However, we still want to try and make this a special and enjoyable time for the children and staff in school. Some things we can still do and some things we won't be able to do in order to stay in line with our risk assessment.

We will still be having a Christmas dinner in our class bubbles on Thursday 10th December and we would like to invite all the children to come to school in festive jumpers on that day. The children will be offered a Hot Turkey Sandwich with roast potatoes and a Christmas biscuit or cake.

As I shared in my previous newsletter we are planning a virtual Carol Concert. Each year group will perform a Christmas song which we will record and share with you on our school website. Thank you for returning the photograph/ media consent forms so promptly to ensure our records are accurate and up to date. The children whose parents have indicated their child's image cannot be shared on the school website will not be on the recording but those children will still enjoy practising and performing with their friends.

We had hoped to be able to keep our popular Christmas Movie event on the calendar and allow the children to watch a Christmas movie in their classrooms. The idea was to use our interactive screens to view a streamed movie. However, technology in school has let us down so unfortunately this event has had to be cancelled.

On class party/celebration days the children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes. As always the children can bring a small plate of party food with their name clearly marked on it, this year we invite Year 5 and 6 to do this too. Please remember to ensure the plate does not contain any foods with nuts in them to protect our children with allergies.

Children exchanging Christmas cards with each other this year will be slightly different as they will only be able to exchange cards with the children in their bubbles.

Jane Ramsay
Head teacher



Forthcoming Events

4th December	Christmas Craft Day
Thursday 10th Dec	Christmas Lunch (Children can wear own clothes and Christmas Jumpers)
Friday 11th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day— Donations welcomed Reception Christmas Party Nursery Christmas Party
Monday 14th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Party
Thursday 17th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Party Year 5 & 6 Christmas Celebrations
Friday 18th December	School Closes Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers