

# Annie Lennard Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping as safe and well as possible in these difficult times. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 and Year 6 back tomorrow.

We are very proud of the children who are coping extremely well and following our guidelines to keep everyone safe. The children are working really hard in school. and most are completing the work from the website if they are not in school.

When your child is isolating it is really important they complete the work being set for them to do at home so when they return to school they are ready to continue their learning with everyone else in the class. If you need work printing then just contact school and we will prepare a pack for you to collect.

I wanted to keep you as updated as possible with dates and information - please also keep checking the school website too.

## Christmas

Sadly Christmas in school is going to have to look very different this year. We will not be able to celebrate as we normally do but we will still try our best to give the children some fun times.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to have our usual Christmas performances, discos, etc.

Instead we are planning that the children will have a week of Christmas creative activities during the last week of term.

The children will still have a party but sadly we can't have food as we usually would. Instead each class will be able to have some time in the hall for party games and dancing. The children can still come in their party clothes.

Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 party day will be Thursday 17th December.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 party day will be Tuesday 15th December.

Christmas cards - we will have to be very careful but would like the children to still be able to write cards at home for their friends. Each class will have their own post box for cards to go in then staff can give them out on the last day. Cards will need to be in the post box by Friday 11th December so they can be quarantined before we give them out. Please do not lick the envelopes to seal them. Lists of first names will be available to collect from the classroom.

We break up for Christmas on **Friday 18th December** at 3pm for Reception, Year 3 and Year 4; 3.10pm for Year 1 and Year 2; 3.20pm for Year 5 and Year 6.

**January 4th 2021 is a Training Day for the staff. All children start back at school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.**



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## **Covid reminders and information**

Please remember to send extra drinks in for your child as water bottles cannot be refilled.

If you send your child with a packed lunch then please send cutlery too, e.g. a spoon for a yogurt. Unfortunately, Covid guidelines do not allow us to provide cutlery for the children in this situation.

Thank you all for following the one way system around school. This is proving successful. Thank you also for wearing a mask/face covering whenever you come through the school gates. We are following government guidelines and we really appreciate your support with this.

Government guidelines are that we must keep everywhere in school well ventilated. This does mean that as it gets colder we are still having to keep windows open. Please make sure the children are wearing plenty of layers so they can keep warm in the classroom.

We now have an out of hours phone specifically for Covid. If you need to let us know your child or a family member has symptoms, someone has tested positive, or you have received the results of a Covid test, then please text this number if it is after 4.30pm or a holiday or weekend.

**Please text: 07483306844**

This will allow us to contact Public Health if needed without delay.

## **Hot dinners**

At the moment you can order a hot dinner for your child on a Thursday and a Friday. These are proving very popular (pizza on a Thursday and fish fingers/veggie burger on a Friday). If you would like to order a hot dinner please let the office know.

We are hoping to increase the number of days we are offering a hot meal very shortly.

I would like to finish with some lovely news - Mrs Crozier now has her baby girl at home with her. We get updates every day, hearing what they have been up to. Such an exciting time as they begin their new life as a family of 3. Mrs Crozier will be returning to school in January but I am sure we will get to see her before that when she pops in to say hello.

Thank you so much for your continuing support at this very tricky time. If you have got any questions or worries, Covid related or school related, please do not hesitate to call.

Please stay safe and well.

Mrs Rogman



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