

**Newsletter**  
**10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with the difficult decisions I have had to make this week and for your co-operation with the changes with regards to the plans for next week which are designed to keep children, staff and families safe. I hope that everyone will follow the guidelines and we have an enjoyable final week of term filled with Christmas joy! Please see the updated risk assessment on the "Coronavirus News" tab of the school website.

Pleasingly, our Covid-19 numbers remain low. Please continue all of the measures you have taken so far to keep our community safe. Handwashing, face-masks indoors and social distancing as much as possible on the school premises please.

It was lovely to see the children's artwork from last Friday adorning the Christmas trees in All Saints Church – please do pop along this weekend if you can. Thank you for your donations for The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation, we raised £548!

Remember there is no choir or recorder clubs next week. Gymnastics has also finished for this term. We are expecting Pacesetters clubs, before school, and the football and basketball clubs to go ahead as normal next week.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

We have a visiting pantomime performance in school next Wednesday paid for by our wonderful PTA. The children will watch the pantomime in the large KS2 hall in their existing "bubbles" with lots of ventilation and an interval break to get fresh air outside. After an almost unanimous vote, Years 5 and 6 will watch the pantomime in their classroom on the large screen (rather than live in the hall) with a visiting popcorn machine and slush puppy machine!

We hope you will be able to join us for "Carols on the Playground" at 5pm next Wednesday. Carol words will be sent to you via ParentMail as a PDF so you can have them on your mobile phone to sing from. The children know the words off by heart due to lots of singing practice! Please bring a torch or battery-powered lantern (no naked flames please).

Please note there is no hot food on this day – Kingswood lunches are all sandwich / packed lunch bags only.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Children can wear their own clothes on Thursday for Christmas party day in each class. There will be a "special visitor" for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Across the school will be Christmas and winter crafts and party games. This is also our Christmas lunch day for Kingswood – the deadline has now passed for ordering a Christmas lunch.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Children should wear school uniform on the final day of term. We will have three Bartonian assemblies for selected children whose parents should have received an invitation already. School finishes as usual at 3:30pm

I appreciate not everyone may feel comfortable with the measures taken; some will want more protection and others will feel there is too much caution, however, as headteacher, I have taken the decisions I think are best and safest for our school community. If you do not wish for your child to participate in any of the activities next week, please let your child's class teacher know and we can make alternative arrangements.

Thank you again. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Miss Lally

### **Letters sent home this week**

Reception nativity changes

Letter to senior choir

History day for Y3

Gymnastics club letter for EYFS

Gymnastics club letter for Y1&Y2

Free Christmas holiday activities – pupil premium and free school meals pupils only

Clover class staffing

Covid update

Boiler installation update in Y3&Y4

Caythorpe residential trip information – current Y2&Y3

Updated Christmas countdown

### **Fliers (not endorsed by the school)**

Pacesetters spring term flier

Father Christmas visiting Earls Barton flyer and map

Cross country taster session

Stay connected newsletter NCT