

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

As we approach Christmas we would like to share with you our plans for over the next few weeks.

Christmas Celebration Days

On the day of their Christmas dinner, children are allowed to wear non-uniform/Christmas jumpers on that day only.

Reception and Key Stage 1 will have their Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 16th December**

Key Stage 2 will have their Christmas dinner on **Thursday 17th December**

The PTFA have kindly funded for every class to be able to see an on-line pantomime on each of these days. The show is called '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' and I am sure they will love this event. There will also be games and activities for the children to enjoy throughout the day too.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Each class have been practising one of the '**Twelve Days of Christmas**' and decorating their classroom entrance to illustrate this. Each class will recite their parts in their bubbles separately, then the whole performance will be shared together by a video link joining together to build the whole of the twelve days story across the classes.



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Some reminders:

Immunisations

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Monday 7th December 2020**.

Polite Reminder to Parents/Carers from the School Age Immunisation Team.

*We shall be visiting school on **Monday 7th December** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme for Reception – Year 6 children. Thank you to those who have returned a completed consent form already. If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu please complete the consent form as soon as possible. If you have mislaid the form please contact the team on **0300 124 0366** to have a form emailed or to complete a verbal consent form over the phone. On the day of vaccination all children that have received the vaccine will have a smiley face stamp on their wrist to identify that they have had the vaccine, if your child has any allergies please make the team aware by phoning 0300 124 0366.*

Admissions

If you have a child that will be starting in Reception in September 2021 please complete the online application by **15 January 2021**. if you need any help or support with this please contact the office who will be happy to assist you.

Christmas Cards

Children may bring in cards for the children in their class bubbles if they wish to do so. Please ensure they have names clearly written on the envelope. The card will be sent home with the child it is addressed to after it has been 24 hours in class.



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Pupil Premium

Please would you ensure that you apply for pupil premium if you are able to do so, including children in Reception and KS1.

All children (from Reception – Year 6) who currently qualify for free school meals based on their family circumstances are entitled to pupil premium.

This entitles pupils to around £1345 of funding each year to support their learning, in addition to their daily free school meal.

- You can apply if you receive any of the following benefits:
- - Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- - Income support
- - Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- - Income-related employment and support allowance
- - Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- - The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- - Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Take 5 minutes to log on to this eligibility checker: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

If you need any support or advice, get in touch with the office: office@christchurch-burton.staffs.sch.uk or
Tel: 01283247400



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Early Years Pupil Premium-EYPP (Nursery)

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding for children in Nursery to improve the education they provide for disadvantaged 3- and 4 year-olds including, but not restricted to, those adopted from care.

WHAT IT PAYS FOR?

Funding equates to £302 per child per year (pro-rata for children who access less than the full free early years entitlement) and Nursery can choose how they use the money to improve the quality of provision they offer.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Early Years Pupil Premium can be claimed by the early education provider if a child at their setting is accessing free early education and the child is:

- aged 3 or 4 (but not 4 year-olds in reception class at school) living in England
- has left care under an adoption order or a special guardianship order or a residence order/child arrangements order

or

- the child's parent or carer is in receipt of a qualifying benefit

<http://www.gov.uk/early-years-pupil-premium-guide-for-local-authorities>

Please make sure you do apply for these benefits as it supports the education of all children in providing additional resources. Please speak to the Nursery staff if you need any assistance with this. Thank you.



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Tier 3 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tier-posters-medium-high-and-very-high>

From **December 2nd** Staffordshire will enter **Tier 3 restrictions**, which means we continue to be on very high alert. This means that there must be no mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles.

Meeting indoors

You must not meet socially indoors with anybody you do not:

- live with
- have a [support bubble](#) with unless a legal exemption applies

'Indoors' means any indoor setting, including: private homes and other indoor venues

Meeting outdoors

You must not meet socially (in a private garden or at most outdoor public venues), with anybody you do not:

- live with
- have a [support bubble](#) with unless a legal exemption applies

However, you can see friends and family you do not live with (or do not have a support bubble with) in some outdoor public places, in a group of up to 6. This limit of 6 includes children of any age.

Please remember to follow: Hands. Face. Space

Hands: wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds

Face: wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet

Space: stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings)

When meeting people you do not live with, it is important to do so outdoors where possible, or to make sure that any indoor venue has good ventilation (for example by opening windows so that fresh air can enter).

Your continued support will make the difference in keeping the infection rates as low as is possible, and help us to keep schools open for teaching and learning. Thank you.



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School finishes on **Friday December 18th 2020** and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well back in the New Year on **Monday 4th January 2021.**

Finally we wish you all a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From all at Christ Church

