

Race Leys Infant School

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Despite the present restrictions, we are starting to get that Christmas feeling in school. It has been a pleasure to hear the children practising their Christmas songs outside in the playground and whilst social distancing in the hall. We hope that we can make Christmas a very special time for all of our children this year.

Judith Ward

Covid Updates

As we get ready to move from the national lockdown to the new tiered system of controls the present arrangements that we have in place will continue as we move forwards.

Mixing Bubbles Out of School

Please be aware that children and their families should not be mixing out of school. Keeping to your own family bubbles will help minimise the risk of infection from Covid and will help us to keep any infections to isolated bubbles. If children from different families and classes mix, then more bubble will have to be closed in the event of an outbreak

Contact Details

Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact details so that we can get in touch with you in the event of another bubble having to come home. We will contact parents by text and email in an emergency. Using the parentmail app is the most effective and quickest way to get up to date information on your phone.

Face Masks for Parents/Carers and Social distancing

It is really important that we continue to follow the Covid rules of wearing face masks and keeping our space from others. Thank you to all of you who are continuing to help keep us stay Covid free by routinely wearing face masks on the school site and to everyone who is continuing to maintain a social distance from others. Please help us to get 100% of our families following our safety expectations.

School Coronavirus Emergency Number

Please contact the school immediately on our Coronavirus Emergency number 07852221022 once you have received a test result. This will enable us to put any actions necessary quickly into place. This number can be contacted out of school hours. We are unable to send a return message from this number.

If you do have a test, please can you email proof of the outcome to school whether it is positive or negative (admin2614@welearn365.com).

2DH Home Learning - Back to school on Monday 30th November

Thank you to parents of children in 2DH who have made such a brilliant job of helping the children with their learning from home. It has been a pleasure to be able to look at their work online and to

see them taking part in their daily lessons. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday next week 30^{th} November.

Reception Phonics

Thank you to all of our Reception parents who have been working hard at home with their children to support their phonics learning. Your children's progress has been amazing thanks to your support.

Christmas Jumper Day and concert recording - Friday 4th December

We will be joining in the Save the Children Christmas jumper day this year early. The Children can wear their Christmas jumpers and bring a £1 donation for the charity. Please do not feel you have to go out and buy a jumper, especially for this occasion—just a bit of tinsel or sparkle will do! On this day we will be recording our Christmas concert, so the Christmas jumpers will help to make it extra festive.

Christmas Cards

At this time of year the children love to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. Due to the current climate we will have to make a few changes to how we share them out with the children. Each class will have a post box for cards to be put into and kept. This will allow us to ensure a suitable quarantine period before we give them out. Please send in any cards by Friday 11th December. Cards will then be shared with the children in the last week of term. We will not be able to give out any brought in after Friday 11th December.

Nasal Flu Vaccination - 9th December

Please follow the link from the ParentMail letter to complete the form for your child to receive their nasal flu vaccination. If you do not have the technology to do this online, then you will need to come to school on the day to complete a paper copy version.

Christmas Fayre - Not quite!

As we are unable to hold our Christmas Fayre this year, we have come up with a few fun activities for our families to take part in.

Decorate a Bauble

We are holding our 'decorate a bauble' competition for our children to take part in. The entries will be used to decorate the corridors in school. Please send in your decorated baubles as soon as possible.

Raffle

We have a range of adult and child prizes to win. Tickets can be brought for £1 per strip by sending in the envelope provided with your child by Monday 7^{th} December. More details to follow next week.

Children's Lucky Jars

Jars filled with prizes are available for £1 each. The children will be able to choose their jars in the classroom. What will be inside? Please send in money for the Lucky Jars in the same envelope as the raffle by Monday 7^{th} December.

Benefits Related Free School Meals - Christmas Holiday Food Payment

Warwickshire County Council will be making an automatic payment to families to support with the cost of food for your child/children over the Christmas school holiday period. The payment will be £36.15 per child and must be used to buy food over the holiday period.

We have sent a letter via Parentmail to all entitled families with more information. Please check your parentmail/email.

Food Bank Vouchers and Holiday Support

Just to remind those in our community that Race Leys Infant School is a Foodbank distribution centre. Foodbank vouchers can be obtained from the school.

If you are registered for free school meals, you benefit from the Warwickshire local welfare scheme over the school holiday periods. You can apply by contacting them on 01926359182 or send an e.mail to warwickshirewelfarescheme@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Community News

Toys and Gifts for Families in Need

A local company has very kindly offered to donate Christmas gifts for babies and children of families who may be experiencing financial difficulties this year. The presents are suitable for babies through to eight year olds. Please contact 07946150928 for more information. Alternatively, please speak to Mrs Ward if you are need of any help.

Up and Coming Diary Dates

Day	Time	Activity
Friday 4th December	All Day	Christmas jumper day - Bring a £1 donation for Save the children
Thursday 9 th December	Am	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 14 th December	Am	Santa visits
Tuesday 15 th December	All Day	Christmas Party - party clothes
Wednesday 16 th December		Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17 th December	All Day	Pantomime
Friday 18 th December	All Day	Values reward - Movie and treat
Friday 18 th December	pm	Children break up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 5 th January	Am	Return to school

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