

PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2020



Christmas!

Although it feels too early to say the 'Christmas' word yet; it really isn't that far away and some of our children are keen to start spreading the Christmas cheer!

With this in mind, we have looked at options for Christmas cards this year and have followed guidance on how to give out cards safely so the children can send cards, but in a slightly different format.

- We are asking that cards are only given to children in their bubble. Each class will have a box that the cards can be deposited straight into.
- We are asking that cards are brought into school no later than **Friday 11th December**, this gives the cards time to be stored before they are handed out to the children, to minimise any risk of transmission on cards.
- We recognise that not all parents want their children to bring cards home. If this is the case, please let your child's class teacher know, and they will make sure that the children still receive their cards, but leave them here in school.

Please rest assure, that whilst some of the wonderful activities that normally happen in school will not be taking place this year, we will of course be making the festive period as special and as magical as possible for our children!



Christmas Jumper Day!







Christmas Jumper Day is an excellent way to support our 'Give' way to well-being this term and we have decided the school will be supporting two worthwhile charities, both nationally and locally.

On Friday 11th December, we will be joining Save the Children by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. We would like

the children to come dressed in their finest Christmas Jumpers for a small donation via our Just Giving page. You can find the link below or via the school website.

On the same day, we will also be supporting a local foodbank to help others who may be struggling to provide for their families during these difficult times. We would be extremely grateful for any kind donations from you. A list of items will be sent out a little closer to the time.



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200015660?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundrais ing&utm_content=cjd200015660&utm_campaign=pfpemail&utm_term=c265acbb2650436789032385ac83434c.

Year 3 Bubble Closure

A huge Thank you to all of our families in Year 3 who have been so supportive since our bubble closure last Friday. School is incredibly quiet without you all and we are so looking forward to



welcoming you all back on Friday 4th December. It has been fantastic to see that the children are fully engaging with their learning at home and we really appreciate all of the support that parents are providing when they are juggling so many other things at home! The staff really enjoyed catching up with the children during the well-being zoom call and will continue to make a phone call home to check in with every member of the class.

Coronavirus Update



We continue to thank you for your ongoing support with keeping the school healthy. We realise that keeping our school community safe depends as much on the measures that our families and staff outside of school as the measures that we are taking inside of school. Please do continue to let us know if there are any symptoms of the virus in your family unit, or if any family members have received a positive test. Although this will mean your family will need to self-isolate, being pro-active does help to ensure that we are minimising transmission as much as possible. Just for your awareness, although this is not an official symptom, it appears, from local discussion with other schools, that children who have tested positive are also suffering from severe or continuous headaches and/or stomach issues. This is not to say that if your child has those symptoms, that they have the virus – but it may be wise to keep an eye on your child if they are complaining of a headache or tummy ache.

NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS SHOWS!

Rehearsals for Receptions Nativity and Yr 5/6 'The Snowman' performances are well underway! A reminder that these will be filmed and shared, if any reception or Year 5/6 parents haven't yet returned permission slips for their children to be part of these please do so! We would really appreciate your support in helping the children to learn any lines or any songs!

Have a wonderful Weekend!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST FEW WEEKS!

Year 2 has a fantastic explorers day!









Year 5 have been experiencing what life would have been like during the Blitz.





Year 6 have been very busy designing, making and creating tie dye T-shirts for their peaceful protest!





Amazing Autumn puddings and colourful leaf crown creations created during forest school!



