

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear all,

Should parents need to contact me about any positive Covid cases over the Christmas holidays please use the admin email. This email will be monitored over the holidays but only urgent emails will be responded to.

South West Water work

From 8th December – 18th December SWW are closing Long Causeway between the junction with Regents Gate and Boarden Barn/Raddenstile Lane. Pedestrian access will still be open but vehicle access will only be open from Claremont Grove down to Regents Gate and then closed off just past the junction.

Christmas cards

I am aware that handing out Christmas cards is really important to the children. So this year they can bring in their Christmas cards next week. They will be put in the Christmas post box and quarantined. They will then be handed out in the last week. So any Christmas cards need to be in by Friday 11th at the latest.

Social distancing

As well as social distancing on the playground please make sure you are not gathering in groups outside the school gates. We have vulnerable parents who need to be very careful and as you are aware Covid can seriously affect even previously healthy people. If you are in close contact with someone who tests positive, even if it is outside you will need to self-isolate for 14 days which now takes us right to the Christmas holidays.

Lockdown-lowdown chat

I mentioned previously about the opportunity for parents to chat about the joys and difficulties of parenting. It is run by Patchwork parenting who run lots of different sessions for parents. It is online next Tuesday 8th at 9.30am. There is a flyer with the login details attached.

Swimming and STEM Club

Unfortunately due to current circumstances all swimming lessons and STEM sessions are cancelled for this term. We aim to restart them in January.

End of term events

We are running lots of fun Christmas activities in school over the next couple of weeks. There are a couple of events you need to be aware of. On Friday 11th it is Christmas jumper day to raise money for Save the Children. Children are to wear uniform and a Christmas jumper for £1 donation to be paid if possible, please, via ParentPay. On Tuesday 15th it is our Christmas lunch and children can wear Christmas mufti for the day (no uniform needed) for £1 donation for the PTA. Hopefully, there will be a special visitor as well that morning! On Friday 18th it is 'Break the Rules' day! The idea is that children can pay 50p per rule they break. These rules include wearing mufti, coming in with coloured hair, wearing nail varnish, having a stick on tattoo, wearing face paint, bringing in an unhealthy snack or eating dessert before their main course. All money raised goes towards the PTA. Flyers have also come home about these PTA events.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:**Tuesday 8th December** – Lockdown- Lowdown chat. Flyer attached.**Friday 11th December** – Christmas cards to be in by today.**Friday 11th December** - Flu vaccine.**Friday 11th December** – Christmas jumper day. Children to come in wearing uniform and Christmas jumper. £1 donation for Save the Children charity to be paid via ParentPay.**Tuesday 15th December** – Christmas lunch.**Tuesday 15th December** – Christmas jumper/mufti day. Children to wear their own Christmas clothes. No uniform needed.**Friday 18th December** – Break the rules day. 50p per rule broken.**Friday 18th December** – Last day of term.**Headteacher's Award:** Rowan – Isla, Poppy W, Jack, Harry, Cedar - Ellis**Bronze Awards:** Oak – Louie, Aurelia, Rowan – Evie, Jessi, Thea, Olivia, Sycamore – Jonah, Brooke, Sukie, Amelia, Cedar – Chloe, Lydia, Fraser, Ella, Elliott, Rosie, Maple – Zaylea, Beech - Max**Stars of the Week:** Oak – Fabian, Rowan – Rowan, Sycamore – Arthur, Cedar – Chloe, Maple – Bella, Beech – Jasmine