

Headteacher message

As the approach to Christmas draws near, I am sure many families have welcomed the Government's announcement to relax the tier system over the Christmas period. However we must remember that we still need to exercise caution to ensure that our loved ones remain safe and well.

Health and Wellbeing Week

Next week is our Health and Well being week. A range of activities have been planned to promote positive physical and mental well being. The week ends with a comfy clothes day. Please visit our website for details of activities across the week.

I am pleased to inform you all that we have not had any positive Covid 19 cases at the school. I am aware of schools who have been affected by the virus and the impact this has had around our locality. If you /a member of the family living in your household /your child tests positive over the weekends or holiday period please email the school office immediately. This will ensure that we are able to act swiftly to seek advice and secure groups across the school if needed.

Extended holiday

Absences where families take extended holidays will not be authorised. We understand that families may be taking a holiday to a destination where self isolation is required on your return—we are awaiting further advice regarding this.



Useful links and guidance

Guidance for Parents and Carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=d009733f-5e56-4074-8490-320fa4e8745d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#what-you-need-to-know>

Part of Guidance on Stay in the UK (settled status')

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

Contact—advice for Families with Disabled Children

[https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/covid-19/back-to-school-advice-\(england\)/](https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/covid-19/back-to-school-advice-(england)/)

Attendance

Whole school 96.2%

We have exceeded our target.

Well done to everyone!

Year group	Attendance
Reception	95.8%
Year 1	95.4%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	97.0%

Dates for Diary

Afternoon tea with Santa –3:00 pm–3:45pm

Monday 7th December - Year 2

Tuesday 8th December - Year 3

Thursday 10th December - Year 4

Friday 11 December - Year 5

Monday 14 December— Year 6

Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th December

ELF day—Reception and Nursery

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas parties

KS1 Christmas Party—Monday 14th December

KS2 Christmas Party—Wednesday 16th December

End of term

Friday 18th December (school reopens Monday
4th January 2021)

National Assessments 2021

The government has announced some changes to national assessments in KS1 and KS2 for 2021. For 2021 the government has removed the following assessments:

- All key stage 1 (KS1) tests
- The key stage 2 (KS2) English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
- The requirement to make and report teacher assessment for science at KS1 and KS2

This means that the following statutory assessments will continue in 2021:

- The phonics screening check for year 1 pupils (and year 2 pupils who have not met the expected standard previously)
- KS2 English reading and mathematics tests
- KS1 and KS2 teacher assessment (excluding science)