



Copythorne CE Infant School Newsletter December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term has reached us again and, once again, I can't believe how fast the time has gone! In a time where so many things have stood still, it is amazing how fast all the children have settled, progressed and normalised all the changes made. My thanks, to all the team, within our Federation, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we can continue to provide a safe and stimulating environment for children, where our pupils can continue to learn and develop, as well as provide a sense of normality in what would otherwise seem very strange times.

Last Day

Our last day of term, this year, is Friday 18th December with our current end of day arrangements remaining the same. Our first day back at school will be Monday 4th January.

Policies

Thank-you to everyone who has made comments on our proposed Behaviour, Relationships and PSHE policies. When we return, the school leadership team will be reflecting on the comments made and making amendments as needed. These policies will then be discussed further with the full governing body before being implemented in each of our schools.

Covid

Firstly, I cannot express my thanks to all those who have communicated support and kind words in such challenging times. Such messages of kindness and thoughtfulness go a long way and are really appreciated. We, like schools all over the country, continue to navigate through the pandemic and work to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children and staff, remains a priority. There now seems to be light at the end of the tunnel and the possibility of returning to a sense of the old normal. However, until this time I would urge everyone to remain vigilant, support distancing measures and take appropriate action should you suspect a case of covid within your household (more information on this can be found on our website).

Test and Trace

During the school holiday, all schools have been asked to support test and trace for 6 days after the last point of teaching. We therefore have to ask that should your child develop any symptoms (**within 48 hours after leaving school on Friday 18th December**), and subsequently receives a positive covid test result, it is imperative that you inform the school

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immediately, in order for us to notify any potential contacts up to 3.15pm on 24th Dec.

Our admin team in Lyndhurst will be checking their emails daily, each morning by 10am, for any notifications of positive covid cases. So please email

adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk (you can also email directly using our school website). The last time the emails will be checked will be 3.15 on the 24th December.

PLEASE DO NOT PHONE YOUR SCHOOL OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE SCHOOL ANSWERPHONE OR EMAIL ANY OTHER EMAIL ADDRESS AS THESE WILL NOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL JANUARY 4TH WHEN SCHOOL REOPENS.

In your email, please include your child's full name, class and school (as it may not be your child's admin team who pick up the email), the date and time of when your child's symptoms started and please let us know if your child attended any before or after school provision, 48 hours before symptoms started.

I hope that everyone is able to keep safe and well over Christmas and continue to be prepared to support ongoing efforts to reduce transmission, if needed. Please note that the Lyndhurst email account will not be checked after 3.15pm on the 24th December until we return to school on the 4th January.

Parent meetings

Next term, we are aiming for parent meetings to take place during the week beginning 22nd March. More information on this, will follow nearer the time.

Website

Our hope is that you can all enjoy quality family time, rest, relax, reconnect and share in the excitement and magic of Christmas.

As the children return to school, and learning starts to accelerate again, I hope you will all continue to make best use of our online platforms, such as reading eggs and mathletics. I would also like to draw your attention to a number of resources available on our website as well. For those parents who are seeking a few more resources to support with home learning. These can be found on the main Oaks Federation page, under curriculum:

<https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/curriculum-resources/>

Phonics

Due to the disruptions last year, the government have asked for all Year Two pupils to take the Year One Phonics Screening Check. This is a simple check, consisting of 20 real and 20 pseudo words, which is aimed at identifying children who may benefit from additional

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phonic support.

Update news

We have recently undertaken our annual local authority review of provision. This provides an opportunity for the local authority to evaluate our successes and support us with ongoing improvement. All the staff here at Copythorne, were extremely pleased with the feedback given, with many strengths identified and positive next steps to support our continued ethos of self-improvement.

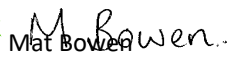
Looking for a school place?

Do you know anyone looking to start school in September? Please let them know that we currently have virtual tours of our school sites, which allow you to virtually walk around our schools and find out more information, on our school website.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and hope that, however you choose to spend this celebration, that you are all able to enjoy this time together, make some wonderful memories (and get *some* sleep on Christmas eve!)



Yours sincerely


Mat Bowen

Executive Headteacher

Thank you to the PTFA and everyone who has helped make this Christmas special for our children.



Mrs White entering into the Christmas spirit.



A Christmas cake for the raffle / tombola



Post box for letters to Santa and Hyacinth bulbs



Swallows posting some letters and cards they've written



Louise and Sally having made Christmas lunch for us all.

All of our classes have taken part in a Nativity performance which will be posted on Tapestry for you to enjoy together over Christmas.

Class Christmas presents were delivered by Father Christmas (via the office in a socially distanced way) .

We had a Santa surprise for the children, many thanks to Gemma Hirst.

Many thanks to Mr Archdeacon for sourcing and arranging the woodchips for the path on the scoutfield. This will make it much more accessible and much less slippery.

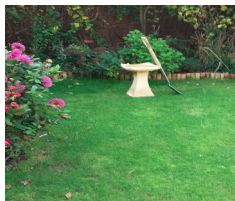


We use Parentmail to send out information about events, trips, reminders, newsletters and after school club information. If possible please check your Parentmail account every day as this is also how we will inform you if there is an emergency closure.

You can also check our school website, <https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/> for the school calendar, policies, curriculum overviews, information and the school lunch menu.

Thank you

Mr Graham Ratcliffe has asked us to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to his retirement presents. We bought him some Garden Centre vouchers, which were really appreciated and an unexpected surprise. He has already used some of them on a bird bath and a good quality border fork.



Coats



Please make sure that your child brings a warm coat to school every day. Thank you.



Absence Notification

If your child is going to be absent, whether through illness, medical appointments, or for any other reason, please ensure that you notify the school office, even if you have told a member of staff in class, so that they can ensure the absence is recorded correctly, and to comply with our safeguarding responsibilities. You can phone the office and leave a message on the answer machine, use Parentmail to notify the absence or pop into the office. If your child is coming into school after 9.30, you will need to pre-order a school meal, or bring a packed lunch from home.





Is your child eligible for pupil premium funding?

Your child may be entitled to a sum of money, paid to the school, with the aim to boost their learning. This money is used by the school, to fund provisions with the aim of helping children in receipt of the pupil premium funding reach their best potential.

If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible:

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

There are many benefits to your child receiving pupil premium benefits, including **free uniform items** and **funding for school trips**. For a more comprehensive break down of how the federation spends this money, please see the pupil premium strategy, published on the website.

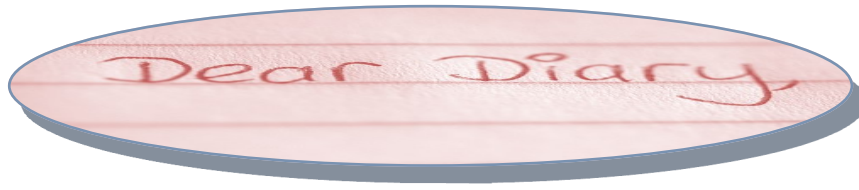
If you have any further questions, please speak with the school office team. They will be able to help you apply, or you can apply directly via the attached link and school will be notified if you are eligible:



Flu Vaccine

If your child missed the flu vaccine in school last week, but you would like them to receive the vaccine, please email the immunisations team and they will be happy to help.

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>



St Mary's Church Copythorne		Christmas Events
Christmas Eve Thursday 24 December	2-4pm	Come and light your very own Christingle (you can arrive anytime in this period)
Christmas Eve Thursday 24 December	11.30pm	Midnight Communion



by Ms. Lolitto

Term Dates for 2020/21

Friday 18th December		Last day of Autumn Term
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December	Friday 1st January
Spring Term	Monday 4th January	Friday 12th February
Half Term	Monday 15th February	Friday 19th February
Spring Term	Monday 22nd February	Thursday 1st April
End of Term Holiday	Monday 5th April	Friday 16th April
Summer Term	Monday 19th April	Friday 28th May
Half Term	31st May	Friday 4th June
Summer Term	Monday 7th June	Friday 23rd July
Inset Days School Closed	Friday 12th February 2021 Friday 23rd July 2021	

