



Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School and Nursery

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Newsletter – December 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,



A massive 'thank you' for your kind donations in difficult times. We still managed to raise £248.00 – well done!



Tier 2 what does it mean for us at school...

As a school we are doing everything we possibly can to keep us all safe. The most up to date risk assessment is on the website under policies. We will continue to keep the following measures in place during Tier 2 restrictions:

- Parents will be informed via email of any members of staff or pupils who have tested positive for COVID-19 where a bubble has been required to close
- Drop off times will remain between 8.30am – 8.45am to the classroom external doors
- Collection times will remain at 3pm from classroom external doors
- Wear a face mask unless you have an exemption
- You can socialise in a group outside but it must not be in a group of more than 6 – this includes children and you must maintain social distancing at all times
- Children will remain in class group bubbles – with separate play times in zoned areas Lunchtimes will remain in classrooms with three hot meals a week
- Hand gel will continue to be given to the children upon entry to school, before and after playtimes, toilet breaks and before going home
- We will continue to have 2 additional cleaning staff to clean touchpoints, classrooms and toilets throughout the day

Close Contact

If I have to close a class group bubble it will be because the person who has tested positive for COVID19 has been in 'close contact' with the class:

- Close face to face contact (under 1m) for any length of time
- Being within 2m of each other for more than 15 minutes

Unfortunately, I could be contacting you over Christmas if a pupil or member of staff tests positive. The Health Hub instruct us to go back 2 days from when the persons symptoms start e.g. if a pupil went for a test on December 20th as they had symptoms and the test came back positive we would count 2 days back and with it being Friday 18th December they would have been a close contact. I would then be informing you that your child would need to isolate for 14 days. If the pupil's symptoms started on the 21st then went for a test and it was positive, I would not be in contact as the 2 days previous to symptoms would take us back to Saturday 19th which would obviously be after we have broken up.

If you or your child has COVID symptoms please stay at home and get a test, this is following the latest advice from Telford and Wrekin Council which states, 'People in Telford and Wrekin are being told to get tested for Coronavirus as a precaution if they are showing other symptoms.' They can return to school if they have a negative result. The precautionary tests are being advised for people experiencing other symptoms such as:

- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy ache in children

Should a member of the household be tested positive for COVID then everyone in the household needs to isolate for the required period before returning to school. If someone in the household is showing symptoms and is waiting for test results, please keep your child at home until a negative result is received. As a school, we are asking that you email us to let us know if your child or any household member tests positive, has symptoms and is going for a test so that we can alert families.



Late arrivals

The school gates shut at 8.45am – there is 15 minutes where you can bring your children between 8.30-8.45am. Please, please, please can you arrive before 8.45am. It is not fair on the office staff who keep being taken away from their job to take late children to their classrooms, neither is it good for children to be missing the start of the day and parts of their education. We are going to start to monitor more closely families who are continually late with the Attendance Support Team.

Christmas Lunch



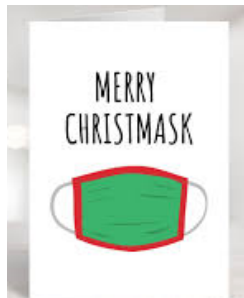
This year we will be holding Christmas Lunch on Monday 14th December. We will start serving lunch from 11am and are planning for it to finish at about 2pm. The reason for this is so that we want the children to have their lunch in the hall and make it more of a special occasion. In order for us to have enough time to clean the tables and chairs in between, we can only have one-year group in at a time. We are grateful that our catering staff have been able to work with us to make this possible. As you can imagine cooking

Christmas Dinner for 400 children and 80 adults is a huge task even without the added task of social distancing and additional cleaning!

This year we would like to **give ALL of our children a FREE school Christmas Dinner**. To make this a special occasion, children can wear their party clothes all day as the teachers will make it a fun-filled day for them.

Christmas Parties

All classes will be organising classroom Christmas parties and will let you know about these through Seesaw and class letters. Unfortunately, we will not be asking parents to contribute with party food this year.



Christmas Cards

Just to remind you that this year we are asking that children only write cards for the children and adults within their classes. The deadline for Christmas Cards is Friday 11th December so that we can 'quarantine' them in the cupboard for 72 hours before handing them out.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, it doesn't matter where you are – on Christmas Jumper Day all you need to do is get your silliest jumper out, or wear red or green and give £1 to Save the Children.



Father Christmas will visit the children of Sir Alexander Fleming



We have organised a special 'socially distanced' visit from Father Christmas in the last week of term. We will set up his grotto in the hall and classes will visit throughout the day, staying at a 2metre distance. They will spend time with him, have a photograph taken and will **ALL** receive a gift. There will be no charge for this.

I am currently in discussion with Father Christmas to organise a day!

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience, understanding and support throughout the last year. It has been a difficult and challenging time for all of us. Please enjoy this time with your families, have fun, play games, laugh and joke but above all else, stay safe.

Merry Christmas

Katy Tomlinson



Last day of the Autumn term: Friday 18th December 2020 at 1pm

PD Day: Monday 4th January 2021

Start back to school: Tuesday 5th January 2021