

Newsletter

Term 2 – 29th November 2021

News update!

This weekend we have been informed by the government that there will be some changes in school due to the new covid variant and increase in cases. Therefore, from Tuesday 30th November we will be asking:

- All **visitors** and **parents** **must wear face masks** when **inside the school** (if you require a mask please ask).
- All children and adults **must hand sanitise** on entering the school site – sanitiser by the main gate.
- We are also asking for adults to **social distance** in all areas where possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school safe.

Purple Mash/Remote Learning

NEW updated Purple Mash passwords.

For those of you that are new to our school Purple Mash is our learning platform in the event of school closure or Covid related absence. Your child's class teacher will set your child work on Purple Mash. It will be set ready for day 2 of absence and linked to the learning in school. This will come in an email on Purple Mash. It will show in 'Alerts'. The email will talk you through the days learning and is a tool to share work and communicate with your child's class teacher.

It was really successful last academic year! If you have any questions or would like further support please let us know.

If you haven't a device to access Purple Mash please also let us know so we can support you.

Elf and Safety Day

This Friday 3rd December is our Elf and safety day! Children can come dress as an elf and we are asking for a 'bottle donation' for our Winter fair. On Friday children will be learning about different ways to keep themselves safe.

- Online safety
- Road Safety
- Safety in the home
- Safety at school
- NSPCC – Speak out and Stay safe

And much more!

You may find the following links helpful;

- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/share-aware-teaching>
- <https://www.childnet.com/resources>
- <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/your-safety/home-safety/children-and-young-people/>
- <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Christmas events in school

- The school **Winter Fair** is still going ahead on Friday 10th December but we will be asking adults to wear a mask in school. Children will leave school as normal at 3.20pm, we will ask you to leave the school grounds and then re-open the gates at 3.30pm for the fair! This will ensure we keep the children safe. There are hand sanitising stations around the school and we would encourage you to use these throughout the event. This is a great fund raising event for the school and we need your support! We can't wait to see you all there!!
- The EYFS/KS1 **Christmas Nativity** will be going ahead on Wednesday 15th December @ 2pm in the village hall. We will be asking adults to wear a mask at all times in the village hall and to stay in family bubbles (this includes ensuring young children stay in seats and do not wander around).
- **Christmas service** in the church **will not** be going ahead. Instead (weather permitting) we will be having carols on the KS2 playground at 1.30pm. We will finish at 2.15pm.

Unfortunately, all events are subject to change due to the current climate. We will let you know of any further changes as soon as possible. Thank you for your full understanding!

Term 2 Dates

- Monday 29th Nov – Year 2 Phonic Screening
- Friday 3rd Dec – Non-uniform – Elf & Safety Day (come dressed as an Elf) bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair!
- Wednesday 8th December – School Xmas Dinner
- Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- School Winter Fair from 3.30-5.30pm & Cake donations
- Monday 13th Dec – Christmas Craft Day
- Wednesday 15th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents, 2pm
- Thursday 16th Dec – Whole school trip to the Panto!
- Friday 17th Dec – Carols in the playground (children & families), 1.30pm
- **Friday 17th Dec – End of Term 2 – finish @ 2.15pm**

