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# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



This is the last newsletter before the Christmas holiday. School will finish at home time on **Friday 18th December**. The children will return to school on **Monday 4th January**.

2020 has been a very strange year that will live in all of our memories forever. We all deserve a relaxing Christmas. On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a successful new year. I hope that 2021 will be remembered for life beginning to get back to normal.

**The children in year 3 return on Monday 14th December and the children in year 2 return on Wednesday 16th December.**

## **Christmas jumper– Friday 18th December**

Children can come to school on the last day of term in a Christmas jumper, or their favourite jumper. If children want to make a voluntary donation on this day, we will give it to Save the Children.

## **Reception class intake 2021**

If your child is 4 before 1st September 2021, they need to apply for a place at the school—even if they are currently in our nursery. Applications are done via the Staffordshire admissions website: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx> or phone 0300 111 8007 and ask for school admissions. Applications must be made by 15th January.

## **School Office**

You may be aware that over the last few weeks, the office staff have not been in due to illness. I thank you for your patience and understanding. We have not been able to update the Parent Pay payments. I hope this will be done next week.

## **Snack payments**

If you order snack for your children, you may want to make the payment for next half term in one payment. Next half term is 29 days long— so if they have one item of snack a day, it will cost £8.70. If they have a snack and a drink it will cost £17.40. If you wish to change your snack order, please contact the office.

## **Christmas Festive Bubble Party Dinner**

As we are unable to get all of the children into the hall at lunchtime, we will be having Christmas party sandwich boxes on the last day of term (18th December). The children will be able to enjoy these together, with a party atmosphere, in their classrooms. We are not asking parents to book this in advance this year, but we will ask the children to indicate on Wednesday whether they will be having one so that we know how many to prepare.

## **All day breakfast school dinner**

The children that had the all day breakfast earlier this term for lunch, really enjoyed it. We are therefore going to repeat it for lunch on Tuesday 15th December.

The menu will be:

Pork or Quorn sausage, bacon, omelette, hash brown, baked beans, toast

Pudding—Chocolate orange crispy bar, fruit slices, yogurt

## **Track and Trace over Christmas**

If your child has a positive Covid-19 test before the 24th December, please email the school office so that we can undertake the appropriate track and trace investigation and if necessary contact staff and children to isolate. After this date, it will not be necessary as your child would not have been in contact with others in school during the possible infection period. If I do need to contact you, this would be through an email or text.

## **Care club booking**

We are now taking January bookings for the care club. Please email these to the school office.

## **Chloe Amison wins first price in reading competition**

Congratulations to Chloe for winning the Stoke Reads competition. She won a book for every member of her class and a visit from an author later in the year. Well done Chloe!

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