



## Extra December 2020 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

The festive season is well and truly upon us, a nice bit of white fluffy snow would be rather nice, but I don't think that's going to happen!

When we started this term, we had no idea how it was all going to work, one way systems/ bubbles/ separate playgrounds/ staggered starts/ lunches in the hall etc, looking back it was the incredible amount of work done behind the scenes which has meant this term has run very smoothly indeed. I'd like to pay tribute to the amazing team I work with and who make your child's days at school successful, happy and safe. Everyone has had to work differently, and even though it has been challenging, they all continue to work with the same enthusiasm as ever.

Again, thank you to all of you for keeping us informed and keeping to the practices we have put in place for our whole school communities safety.

On that note please make sure you continue to

- Withdraw your child from school **as soon as** anyone in the household displays symptoms of Covid-19, please don't wait for a positive test result to self-isolate your family. Contact us immediately.
- Not wait by the gate in the morning. There has been slightly more congestion as younger pupils are sent onto the school grounds alone and parents stay and see them walk round. If you do choose to not walk through the one way system, staff are on hand to ensure your child gets into school safely. Also please avoid having a chat on the pavement after drop off, this also adds to congestion.

### Covid Updates

Whilst I, of course, have my fingers crossed that none of your children have symptoms or test positive for Covid after we close on Friday, we will still be operating a track and trace service up to and including December 24<sup>th</sup>. If your child tests positive between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of December it is **vital** that you contact me on [covid@ashbyce.leics.sch.uk](mailto:covid@ashbyce.leics.sch.uk) as soon as you get the result. This will enable me to contact the families of pupils who have been in close contact to advise self-isolation. Whilst nobody will want this news it's so important that families are kept well informed to reduce risks to family members from different households over Christmas. This email will be checked daily and if there is a positive case reported, I will send letters out via our Teachers to Parents email and text messaging service.

You **do not** need to contact this email after 24<sup>th</sup> December, nor do you need to contact us if members of your household, other than your child test positive.

We will need to know on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of January any children who will not be attending on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January due to them:-

- self-isolating (including: as a result of visiting a place which is not on the travel corridor list) or
- having had a positive test result in the period after Christmas.

Please note that self-isolation has now changed from 14 to 10 days as of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## End of Term

Christmas nativity / celebration performances are almost completed; links will be available by the end of the week, we will text these out to you. I've had a sneak preview at the Foundation Stage Nativity and The Year 5/6 Nativity ....I'm warning you, you might need a tissue! There are sing along Christmas songs (karaoke style, so you'll be able to all sing along at home) it will be a real festive treat to watch with your families. These links cannot be searched for by the general public, but as always please remember that these are for family use only.



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year. Let's all hope that 2021 brings us all good health, happiness and the freedoms which we have all missed so very much.