



**Newsletter**  
11th December 2020

# RESPECT

Dear parents and carers,

This week, I would like to update you on the following:

### Christmas activities

I would like to remind you of the Christmas celebrations that we have planned in school for next week, as detailed in last week's newsletter. It has been wonderful to see the children in their Christmas jumpers today, in all of their different forms! Each class will have recorded a carol and a Christmas message for you to see, and we will send these out to parents in due course. Here is a reminder of what else will be happening next week:

On **Monday 14th December**, Father Tom and Reverend Jackie will join us virtually from Church for a reading of the nativity story. We will record the service and send you a link so that you can watch it back with your children.

On **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30 pm**, children from Reception, years 1, 2 and 4 will be representing the school through a display of their art work and a recording of Away in a Manger as part of Canary Wharf Group's carol service. This service is pre-recorded, and will be streamed via this link: <https://bit.ly/CWCAROLS> It will be available for parents to view until the end of December.

The panto for children will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, and the children will be encouraged to wear their party hats as we join Norfolk Music Hub for this fun event!

You can access all the songs to practice at home by going to <https://www.norfolkmusicclub.org.uk/site/rapunzel-resources/> and using the password: RapunzelNorfolk

Christmas Dinner will now be served on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** so that our year 2 children can join in. We are also allowing children to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day to make it feel a little more special, as we are restricted with some of the decorations and celebrations that we would normally have on this day, given current regulations. Please ensure that the rest of your child's clothing on that day is school uniform.

### Coronavirus

Last week I wrote to you to explain about communication during the Christmas holidays, in the case that your child tests positive. Since then, the Department for Education have provided more detailed guidance on the expectations of schools during the holidays.

Public Health England has agreed a six-day window after the final day of teaching in which schools and further education providers are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first six days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. For our school the arrangements are as follows:

Parents are asked to contact Rebecca Abrahams on her mobile phone (07932 995213) at any time until 5pm. On Christmas Eve, the final date for which schools need to be involved in contact tracing, Rebecca will be available until 3pm. All other parents and staff who need to be informed of a positive case which could impact them, will be informed by text message from the school.

- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than six days after the final day of teaching. Our school's last teaching day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, therefore there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

I also wanted to clarify that the final day of school this term will continue to be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, and children will finish at the usual time. You may have heard that the Department for Education also announced this week that schools would be able to finish a day early, however we have taken the decision to remain open all week, as we recognise that this is short notice, and we are seeking to minimise any further disruption to parents.



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### **Flu vaccination catch up clinics**

Please see the attached leaflet, which provides parents with information on how to get a flu vaccination in the case that a child has missed it in school.

### **Energy Kidz**

Our after school club will continue to run as normal after Christmas. Please see the attached flyers for further information on the provision available, and for details on how to book your child in.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to seeing the children enjoy their last week of term next week.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School