



Self-Isolating

It has been unfortunate that we had to have more classes go out of school this week due to positive coronavirus cases being identified. It is not something we like doing but sadly we have to follow the guidance on self-isolation when there has been a positive case identified.

We would like to thank all the parents and children for accessing Microsoft Teams to complete learning at home and the teachers love seeing your children engaging with them through the work and through the videos that are being set up in such circumstances. Some classes had some live lessons whilst others had videoed messages provided. Despite all of this, we would rather your children were in school all the time to engage and learn within the school set up. When children are not in school, we miss the noise that they make and their banter despite telling them to quieten down when they are in school!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2 December –
Coffee Session 1.30pm

Friday 11 December –
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18 December – Break
up for Christmas holidays at
3.15pm

Tuesday 5 January 2021 –
Children return to school for
the new year.

Governor Appointments

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Kynaston-Pearson and Mr Iqbal onto the Governing Body. We are looking forward to working with them to continue to make build on the hard work of our current Governing Body.

Christmas in School

It is sad that we are not able to do our usual Christmas activities however we do feel that we want the children to have as normal a Christmas as we can possibly provide under the current circumstances. Therefore, we have planned a number of activities to ensure that children have an enjoyable time at school learning about Christmas and having fun at the same time.

Over the coming weeks children will be undertaking a number of activities within their classes.

The children are all involved in making decorations both for home and for the Christmas tree at Lidl. The best Christmas decorations for the Lidl tree will have a prize.

The theatre visit this year for obvious reasons has not taken place, however we have now booked a virtual pantomime for the children to see in the last week of term. More information to follow about this. Any child not in school that day we will make sure that they have access to it at home so they can enjoy it at the same time as the children in school.

The classes are going to do an audio recording of Christmas poetry or readings within their class which we will share with you via the school website. You will then be able to share this with the wider family. We hope that will be able to do concerts soon but until we are given guidance on such matters we will continue to make alternative arrangements.

Christmas parties cannot happen in the normal way with food being shared so each year group will have a year group Christmas disco, the dates of which will be sent out by the class teachers. The

children on their party day will be able to wear their party clothes and enjoy some social distance dancing.

At the end of term, we normally have singing around the Christmas tree however this year this will be different and will take place via Teams, and will follow the government guidance on singing.

We hope undertaking some of the above activities that we help your children to enjoy Christmas and make positive memories of this year when everything is so very different.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11 December it is Christmas Jumper Day on behalf of Save the Children charity. Please see the attached letter of advice on how to make your own Christmas jumper. We are having a competition within the classrooms for the children to show off their jumpers and the best one will win a book voucher. There will be a prize per class so we look forward to seeing lots of creative ideas for Christmas jumpers or cardigans.

To support the charity, we are requesting that each child donates £1 on the day which we will collect and subsequently send to the charity. This will support children who are in need of additional support and help our children to appreciate that we can still support other people whilst learning and enjoying life.

Christmas Cards

I know that some parents had a conversation at the parents meeting about giving Christmas cards within school. We have been thinking about this and we feel it would be wrong not to allow children to undertake this activity. However, we are having to put limitations because we cannot have children mixing with other year groups. So for this reason we have made the decision that if children wish to give cards to their friends within their own classes they can do but there will be no normal letterbox or deliveries around school.

Virtual Coffee Session

Our next virtual coffee session will be held on Wednesday 2 December at 1.30pm. It will be held on Zoom with Ms Priddey and Mrs Groenewald. The details to join the session are below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82891167409?pwd=b3ZlNXhpZ2RQVFZiaklnaE1VR0Y4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 828 9116 7409

Passcode: 132678

A reminder from Launde Parents' Group

A little reminder of two of the fundraising opportunities that Launde Parents' Group are offering at the moment.

Raise money for Launde by simply shopping online at

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/launde-primary-school-fund>

Buy your tickets for the Big PTA Raffle. This gives you the opportunity to win up to £5000 and raise money for Launde Parents' Group. You can buy your tickets at

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/launde-primary-school-le2>

The closing date is Monday 7 December.