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Newsletter December 2020



Year 4 Reading Area

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Over the past few weeks, we have been updating our reading areas within school. The children are really excited to be using them and more photos will follow in the next newsletter.



A massive 'thank you' for your kind donations in difficult times. We still managed to raise £256.00 - well done!

Art competition

We have received lots of entries for the Art competition but the closing date is Friday 4th December so don't miss the deadline!

- The picture can be based around Christmas or a winter scene.
- It needs to be on A3 or A4 paper or card.
- You may use any medium you like- pencils, pastels, paint, collage, felt tips etc...





Tier 2 what does it mean for us at school...

As a school we are doing everything we possibly can to keep us all safe. The most up to date risk assessment is on the website under Parents & Carers / Policies / Staying Safe. We will continue to keep the following measures in place during Tier 2 restrictions:

- Parents will be informed via email of any members of staff or pupils who have tested positive for COVID-19 where a bubble has been required to close
- Parents will be updated weekly via the website of new cases in school which have not required a closure
- Drop off times will still remain anytime between 8.30am - 9.00am - please use the red 2m markers to queue outside the school gates as the rule of 6 remains in Tier 2
- Collection times will remain at anytime between 3pm - 3.30pm
- Continue to follow the one-way system around the school site following the coloured dots marked 2m apart
- Wear a face mask unless you have an exemption
- You can socialise in a group outside but it must not be in a group of more than 6 - this includes children and you must maintain social distancing at all times
- Children will remain in Year group bubbles - with separate play times.
- Lunchtimes will remain in classrooms
- Hand gel will continue to be given to the children upon entry to school, before & After playtimes, toilet breaks and before going home
- We will continue to have 2 additional cleaning staff to clean touchpoints, classrooms and toilets throughout the day

Close Contact

If I have to close a Year group bubble it will be because the person who has tested positive for COVID19 has been in 'close contact' with the class:

- Close face to face contact (under 1m) for any length of time
- Being within 2m of each other for more than 15 minutes

Unfortunately, I could be contacting you over Christmas if a pupil or member of staff tests positive. The Health Hub instruct us to go back 2 days from when the persons symptoms start e.g. if a pupil went for a test on December 20th as they had symptoms and the test came back positive we would count 2 days back and with it being Friday 18th December they would have been a close contact. I would then be informing you that your child would need to isolate for 14 days. If the pupil's symptoms started on the

21st then went for a test and it was positive, I would not be in contact as the 2 days previous to symptoms would take us back to Saturday 19th which would obviously be after we have broken up.

I am really hoping we all stay well and safe but need to be clear that COVID will not know it is our Christmas break - I really hope that I don't need to contact you! The DFE have not allowed schools to close the week earlier in order to minimise contact closer to Christmas.

If your child has COVID symptoms please keep them at home and get them tested, this is following the latest advice from Telford and Wrekin Council which states, 'People in Telford and Wrekin are being told to get tested for Coronavirus as a precaution if they are showing other symptoms.' They can return to school if they have a negative result. The precautionary tests are being advised for people experiencing other symptoms such as:

- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy ache in children

Should a member of the household be tested positive for COVID then everyone in the household needs to isolate for the required period before returning to school.

If someone in the household is showing symptoms and is waiting for test results please keep your child at home until a negative result is received.

Illness

Unfortunately, I was not very well last week and spent several days in hospital following an asthma attack. I am improving but whilst I was in hospital a lady on the ward tested positive for COVID, therefore I am now a close contact. I had 3 COVID tests all have come back negative but because I am a close contact I have to stay off work until 9th December. I am in contact with Mrs Shephard & Mrs Rawlings daily as I hate being away from you all. *Miss Marriott*

Christmas Lunch & Parties

This year we will be holding Christmas Lunch on several different days. The reason for this is so that the children can have their lunch in the hall and make it more of a special occasion. In order for us to have enough time to clean the tables and chairs in between, we can only have 2 year groups a day. We are really grateful that our catering staff have been able to work with us to make this possible. As you can imagine cooking Christmas Dinner 4 days in a row is not going to be an easy task!



This year we would like to **give ALL of our children & staff a FREE school Christmas Dinner**. To make this a special occasion, children can wear their party clothes all day as the teachers will make it a fun-filled day for them. They will have access to the hall in the afternoon for some party games. In previous years they have bought party food in from home - they don't need to do that this year because they will be having their Christmas lunch on the same day.

Monday 7 th December	Reception
Tuesday 8 th December	Year 1 Year 5 & Sparklers
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 2 Year 4
Thursday 10 th December	Year 3 Year 6 & Rockets

Friday will be the usual Fish and Chips menu. The other days when it is not your child's Christmas lunch day they will be offered a packed lunch.

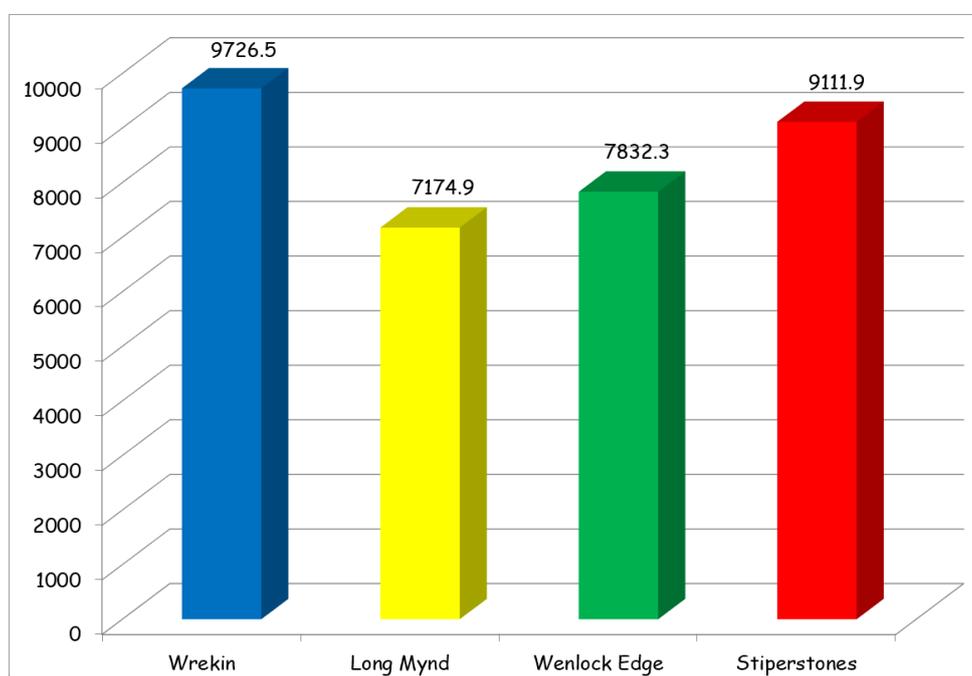


Late arrivals

The school gates shut at 9am - there is half hour where you can bring your children between 8.30-9am - please, please, please can you arrive before 9am. It is not fair on the office staff who keep being taken away from their job to take late children to their classrooms, neither is it good for children to be missing the start of the day. We are going to start to monitor more closely families who are continually late with the Education Welfare Officer.

Physical Education

Here is this week's updated scores. Lots of points given out over the last few weeks for Sportshall Athletics, with plenty more points to come as we all complete our Interhouse Competitions at the end of our current units.



Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 11th December**, it doesn't matter where you are - on Christmas Jumper Day all you need to do is get your silliest jumper out, or wear red or green and give £1 to Save the Children.



Dates for your diary - we will be entering these dates onto the diary on our website. A copy of all newsletters can be found on the school website. Further details about start times for some of the events will be sent out to you nearer to the date.

Date	Year group	Event
Week beginning 7 th December	All	Christmas lunch
Friday 11 th December	All	Christmas jumper day - Save the Children



Last day of the Autumn term Thursday 17th December 2020
 PD Day 4th January 2021
 Start back to school Tuesday 5th January 2021

