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Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a fun week in school this week with Christmas dinners, Christmas jumpers and decoration making. Hopefully you have seen photos or your child has been talking about these with you.

Soft start to the school day

In the New Year we will be reducing the arrival time at the start of the day slightly. **The children may come in between 8.30am and 8.45am.** They need to be in their seats for 8.45am start. If they are late, your child will need to report to the main office. **The school gates will be locked by 9.00am.** The end of the day arrangements remain the same.

Remote learning



If your child has to be working from home, perhaps as the class bubble has been closed or they are self-isolating, the government and school expect that your child will complete between 3 and 4 hours of school work each day. If there is a problem with this, please let the class teacher know through ClassDojo. No one wants any child to miss any more learning this year as it could have a serious life-long impact.



School dinners

After Christmas we will be trialing hot dinners for more days of the week. The children will be eating in the dining hall on a rota system. Menus will be sent home, they will be displayed in the classroom and will be on our website. Please book on ParentPay in the usual way. A packed lunch option will still be available.

Surveys on ClassDojo

Please spend some time giving us feedback on how helpful you are finding ClassDojo as a way of keeping you informed about your child and school. A short survey will be posted to help us find out how parents are feeling about this app.

We will also be asking you your views about how the school has managed this term. We have appreciated your support with all the measures we have had to introduce to keep everyone safe and how we have implemented government guidance, sometimes at short notice. We would like your feedback so keep a look out for our survey.

Christmas cards

Children enjoy sending Christmas cards to each other and we do not wish to stop this. However, because of Covid, we will have to do this a little differently this year. Please can you ensure that children **bring their Christmas cards to school by Tuesday 15th December**. They will then be **quarantined for 3 days and delivered to the children on Friday 18th December**. It is important to address the envelope with the receiving child's name and class to ensure it gets to the right person.



Government Guidance on Restrictions and Christmas Bubbles

Please remember that Norfolk is currently in **Tier 2**. Until further notice, these are really important points to remember:

- You **must not** have anyone else in your home that is not in your household
- You **cannot** have friends round to play
- You **cannot** have sleepovers
- You **cannot** have parties
- You **can** meet outside up to 6 people

However, for 5 days only from **23-27th December** you can do this:

- You can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' composed of people from no more than three households
- You can only be in one Christmas bubble – this applies to everyone in your Christmas bubble
- You cannot change your Christmas bubble
- You can meet up to 6 people outside who are not in your Christmas bubble

From **28th December onwards, including New Year's Eve, we are back to the strict Tier 2 restrictions.**

St Michael's Anti-racism work:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which can change the world."
Nelson Mandela

The school is currently developing an initial two-year anti-racism action plan to help tackle racial injustice. This work will benefit children from all backgrounds and equip all children with the skills to respond to the diversity around them. As part of this work, the school will be working to gain the Race and Conscious Equality (RACE) Charter Mark with support from Fig Tree International Ltd.

Through education, **our commitment** is to ensure:

- the achievements and contributions of people from all backgrounds are recognised and celebrated throughout our curriculum;
- cultures across the school are celebrated in a deep and meaningful way;
- our school community is empowered and able to use their voice;
- positive and hopeful outlooks are maintained, with a focus on the future.

We will also be looking for volunteer parents who would like to contribute to some of the work we will be doing. If you would like to join the discussions, please email the school office:

stmoffice@allangelsfederation.org.uk



Termly Mini Reports

This term we have really focused on supporting your child back to school after the long lockdown. Children have needed to reconnect with school, routines, learning and friends. There are some children who have forgotten a few things and without a doubt, few children are where we would normally have expected them to be if we had not had the lockdown. Children's well-being has been our priority, while also assessing where they are academically and what extra teaching might need to happen. Usually we send out to parents, end of term mini-reports but we will not do that just yet. If you were expecting them, they will now be postponed until February half term.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 11th December

Although we are saying that children can wear their Christmas jumper any day in December, the Save the Children Official Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 11th. If you would like to make a donation, please pay through Parent Pay.



Support over winter

We know for many people this winter will be challenging for a variety of reasons, and there will be a lot of people who will need help with things like paying the bills and buying food, and many people who have never needed help before. The Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) already provides hardship support to Norfolk residents, and this offer is being extended to reach more people where needed, over the winter period. You can do this online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/winter-covid-support-scheme

Some people may be entitled to a self-isolation support payment of £500 if they cannot work due to covid.

www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidwintersupport
0344 800 8020

Or visit your local library for help with applying

Dates for your diary in December

Tuesday 8th – [Bikeability for year 4](#) – 4C and 4A

Thursday 10th - Bikeability for year 4 – 4JB

Friday 11th - Bikeability for year 4 – 4S

Friday 11th – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (donations via ParentPay)

Friday 11th – Christmas Fair for the children only (no money required)

Monday 14th – Father Christmas is Zooming in

Tuesday 15th – Flu Immunisations year 4

Thursday 17th – Our songs should be released!

Friday 18th – School finishes for Christmas break at 1.30pm

Wednesday 23rd – Sunday 27th December – special Christmas bubble arrangements

January Monday 4th – Back to school



Yours sincerely,

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