



## November / December Noticeboard



### **Thank you**

Thank you for your continued support with regard to pupil illness, ensuring that pupils remain at home when they are unwell and for your vigilance regarding COVID symptoms with testing and isolation as required. Thank you also for maintaining social distancing during school drop off and pick up times and the wearing of masks.

### **Safety**

In the months to come it is likely that we will experience frosty/icy conditions. As we are using several entrances and are situated on an elevated site there will be a significant amount of salting to be completed each morning. Please remind your child to walk carefully and not to run.

### **P1 Applications**

P1 applications for September 2021. Applications are completed via the Portal on the Education Authority Website. The Portal for applications opens on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 12 noon and closes at noon on Friday 29th January 2021. Supplementary information required e.g. your child's Birth Certificate can also be uploaded to the Portal this year. Parents will be notified on Wednesday 28th April of their child's P1 placement.

### **Open Night**

Unfortunately, this year, due to the current restrictions in place, we are unable to host our annual OPEN NIGHT. If your child is due to start school in September 2021 or if you know of any new parents/families - who have children of school age - and that are not familiar with the school, please ask them to consider finding out about our school.

Our Open Night this year will be 'Virtual' with information being placed on the website. You are welcome to phone school on 028 87740485 to have a chat and have any questions answered.

### **P7 Transfer to Post Primary / Secondary School September 2021.**

A new online portal will facilitate parents to apply online for children transferring from primary to post-primary including listing preferences and uploading supporting documents. The portal will go live on Monday 1st March at 12 noon and close at 4pm on Tuesday 16th March 2021.

### **Flu Vaccination**

The school medical team will be in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to administer the flu vaccination to all those pupils who have completed the relevant forms giving permission to have the vaccination.

### **Christmas Arrangements**

We have planned the following events however; these are subject to change given the current circumstances.

**Christmas Cards** – Unfortunately, there will be no post box this year so please do not bring Christmas cards or Christmas presents to school. Pupils will be able to send Christmas Greetings to their classmates via google classroom / Seesaw and this will be organised in school before the school closes for Christmas.

### **Christmas Dinner**

We hope to have our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We will be having our traditional turkey dinner with all the usual trimmings. Each class will have Christmas Dinner in their bubble in either their classroom or the dining room as is now normal practice.

**Gifts to staff** – In light of the present circumstances, please do not send gifts to staff this year. Instead, I would ask you to consider donating £1 per child to Save the Children.



We plan to hold our Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear their own clothes with anything Christmassy – t-shirt, jumper, Christmas hat etc. They can use their imagination to sparkle!



### **Christmas Paintings**

Every year we paint Christmas pictures to decorate the Community Hall. This year we are still going to paint our pictures to decorate our classrooms. There will be a winning painting chosen from each class.

### **Christmas Entertainment**

Each class bubble hopes to upload some Christmas items on our website before school closes for Christmas.



### **Christmas Party – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

All pupils are asked to wear their own clothes. A snack will be provided at break time. Our pupils will have lots of fun and games within their own bubbles followed by a Party Day dinner. School closes for the Christmas Holidays at **1.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 for P1, P2 & P3 pupils and 1.45pm for P4, P5, P6 and P7 pupils.**

School restarts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with doors opening at 8.30am.

If you need to make contact over the holiday period please email [smillar500@c2ken.net](mailto:smillar500@c2ken.net)

The governors and staff would like to wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Christmas.

