

Please note:

Children must not attend school if they have a new, continuous cough, a temperature above 37.8° or a loss of sense of taste or smell. They WILL be sent home if staff identify these symptoms.

4th December 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

So, things are gearing up very nicely towards Christmas now. The trees are up, the school is decorated and a couple of sneaky elves have even arrived and are causing mayhem. Classes are getting busy with crafts and art activities in the afternoon to, hopefully, provide the children with a little normality during these strange times.

Each class is preparing a little video that will be shared via Showbie on Wednesday 16th December, after school. This will be accessed by the children's logins. Please let us know if you need details again. On the same day, we also have our Christmas meal. It will be slightly different to the usual feast we have, but we are still planning to eat together with crackers, party hats and Christmas music. Following this, the children will watch either a streamed panto or a Christmas film. Children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers to celebrate.

On Thursday 17th December, we will be having Christmas parties in the afternoon. Again, we are planning something a little different. Instead of hot dinners, we will provide sandwiches and party food so that our parties can start a little earlier and the festivities and games will last a little longer. We ask that children please come to school in their party clothes (sensible shoes please).

Then, on Friday, we will be running our annual Santa Dash. Classes will run in their bubbles. Please can the children come to school in their trainers, jogging bottoms, Christmas jumpers and Santa hats if they have one. We will get together later on in the day to sing our Christmas songs and will finish at normal time—3.00 or 3.15pm.

Finally, today, I have signed the school up to the free school meals voucher scheme run by the local authority. Children who are entitled to free school meals due to financial reasons will receive a £33 e-voucher to redeem via email or a smart device. If your circumstances have changed and you feel that your child may now be entitled to free school meals, please search 'free school meals' on the Cumbria County Council website: www.cumbria.gov.uk and apply.

Mrs Lavery





Christmas Cards

Christmas cards CAN be brought into school for pupils in the SAME class.

Children are asked to bring them in on MONDAYS or TUESDAYS. They will be quarantined in the classroom, like reading books, and handed out to take home on FRIDAYS.

Please DO NOT write cards for children or members of staff in different classes this year.



Other Activities

Y6 will be swimming on Tuesday 8th December and Tuesday 15th December. with a new class starting in the new year.

PE with Barrow AFC

Y6 and Y5—Mondays Y4 and Y3—Tuesdays Y1 and Y2—Wednesdays.

Barrow AFC Holiday Group

Pupils in Y5 have been offered a free sport and well-being holiday programme. Please return permission slips as soon as possible. Places are restricted to 12 pupils and will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served' basis.

Important Dates		
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas meal followed by Christmas film or panto Christmas jumpers Christmas 'shows' uploaded to Showbie after school	
Thursday 17th December	Christmas parties pm Children wear party clothes all day	
Friday 18th December School closes 3.15	Santa Dash Christmas jumpers Christmas sing-song	

Stars of the Week	
Reception	Autumn and Oscar W
Y1	Obdhe and Millie
Y2	Ava, Lola and Rosie
Y3	Joey and Keira
Y4	Shane
Y5	Imogen and Callum
Y6B	Jaiden
Y6RG	Taraki and Katie-Jade