

# Old Church C.E. (C) Primary School

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Dear Parents

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Newsletter

I hope that you are all keeping well. I thought that I would update you on what we are doing in school for a few things, particularly Christmas and the dreaded Covid.

### Collecting Siblings

I have today been in a meeting with the LA and Public Health and now have the answer for parents about collecting a sibling if a member of the family is isolating. Public Health have told us:

- If the parent/ carer is isolating, under no circumstances can they leave the house to bring a child to school. If they do this they could incur a fine of a £1,000 rising to £10,000 potentially for the school. All members of the household must isolate for 14 days
- If a child has a brother or sister at home, who is self -isolating due to their bubble being sent home, the parent should explore every option of getting their child to school without their sibling leaving the house. If this is not possible the parent can bring their child to school but they cannot enter the playground. The child must be in a mask, unless there is a medical reason not to wear one.
- If this is the case please telephone the school and we will try and find a solution so that your child does not come into contact with other children. This will mean them coming in and being collected at a different time to the rest of the children in school through main entrance.

### Christmas

**Stop press!** Christmas will not be cancelled at OC, it will either be slightly different or moved to a later date. We have discussed everything and we have to follow Government Guidelines whilst also making sure that the children still have the fun and as many experiences as we can offer.

Date	Event	Alternative
4/12/20	Wear your own clothes for the homeless	Postponed- Collection will be later in the year. Children can still wear their own jolly clothes to cheer us up.
8/12/20 and 9/12/20 am	Nursery Production *	Cancelled- we will put on a production when we can later in the year
10/12/20 and 11/20 pm	Reception Production *	Cancelled- we will put on a production when we can later in the year
10/12/20	Christmas Dinner	This will go ahead. Children will eat in their bubbles
11/12/20 at 10am	KS1 Nativity in the church *	Cancelled due to us being unable to attend church- we will put on an assembly when we can later in the year
15/12/20	Reception party pm Nursery Party am	All will go ahead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School will provide all food and drink</li></ul>



	KS2 Y5/6 Party pm KS2 Y3/4 Party pm KS1 Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children will be in their Bubbles</li> <li>• Children to wear their own clothes all day</li> </ul>
17/12/20 at 10am	Carol Service for KS2 in the Church *	Cancelled due to us being unable to attend the church.
18/12/20	Break up for Christmas holiday <b>at 1:30pm</b>	This will definitely happen! Children can all wear their own festive/ happy clothes to school

#### Additional things we have planned:

- All areas will have Christmas trees and decorations in their areas, which will be fogged regularly with our sanitising machines.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December- a special meeting (via Teams) with somebody who is very busy at this time of year with the classes. I am also going to ask the kitchen to provide all children with a bacon, sausage or vegetarian roll so that we can have breakfast with a Virtual Man in a red coat.
- We will be sending a present home with the children. We have already purchased them and they are in 'quarantine'. A member of staff from their bubble will wrap them in advance. The recommendations are that you don't open presents for 72 hours but good luck with stopping your child opening them.
- We are politely asking your children not to send any Christmas cards this year. Instead we are going to have craft sessions where the children make their own cards to send to the class and teachers. This I am sure will cause glitter overload.

#### School Photographs

- All children in school will have their individual photograph taken on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- Children in Nursery and Reception will have theirs taken on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- All orders and payments will be made online direct to the photographers. Information will follow after the photographs have been taken.

#### Walsall Community Information

- **Grant:** Walsall Council is now accepting applications for the National Lock-down grant scheme. To find out if your business qualifies and to begin your application go here <https://bit.ly/3bT7sGA>
- **Walsall Council Budget**  
Have your say - Consultation open 29 October–30 November 2020. The Budget consultation opened on 29 October 2020, closing on 30 November. You can have your say on the proposals by completing this online questionnaire. The link is on the LA website.

Please keep safe and fingers crossed that we do not have to send any more Bubbles home before Christmas. To ensure that we don't, please make sure that you keep your child home if they are displaying any symptoms. Please email your phase leads or telephone if you need anything.

Thank you for your continued support and the lovely comments we have received from you during Parents' Evening. My staff work over and above to support your children and it has been lovely to hear about the positive conversations you have had with them. Thank you for putting a smile on their face in difficult times.

Kind Regards  
Davina Clacy





*We will encourage and help one another*