



Stafford Leys Primary School Newsletter

INSPIRING CONFIDENCE, COMPASSION, CHARACTER AND FUN.

Dec 2020

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We have done our best to make school feel as normal as possible to the children and even though we have had to make some changes to our normal routines, we are confident that school is still a fun and challenging learning space.

Along the way, we have had to make some difficult decisions about closing Class bubbles. Today we had to close 2 bubbles and ask staff and children to isolate for 10 days. The responsibility of passing on that kind of news at any time is difficult but today felt even more so. In the run up to Christmas, we may still contact families if we hear of cases in any other class. Our feeling is that it is better to know than find out after you have mixed with more vulnerable relatives. If children develop symptoms tomorrow or Sunday and then subsequently test positive for COVID 19, please inform the school using the school office email, office@staffordleys.com

Despite the challenges that we have faced, my staff and I have always felt your support and that has made our job so much easier and more rewarding. We are looking forward to a break but are equally excited about welcoming the children back in January.

From everyone at Stafford Leys, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gold Award for SMSC at Stafford Leys!

This term, we were recognised for our wider curriculum and our offer of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education. This is a prestigious award that recognises not just the curriculum but the amazing children, parents and governors that the school has and how they all prioritise a rounded education.

Christmas dinners

Despite the restrictions of COVID, we were able to run our usual, fun Christmas dinners in our hall. We had to spread the dinners over 5 days and limit some of the decorations that we would normally use. I have enjoyed 5 dinners this week and I think they were the best Christmas dinners that we have ever served at Stafford Leys! Thankyou to the Kitchen staff for all of their hard work this week!

In Other News...

Our Learning Behaviour animals are getting their new homes decorated during the holiday.

Diary Dates:

- TERM ENDS FRI 18TH DEC
- FIRST DAY OF TERM TUE 5H JAN
- END OF HALF TERM FRI 12TH FEB
- CHILDREN RETURN MON 22ND FEB
- END OF TERM FRI 26TH MARCH





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Masks

Public Health England have asked parents to wear masks during the school run. It is advised that masks are worn wherever there are groups of adults, including on the walk to school.

First Time Admissions.

The deadline for applications for new starters for Sep 2021 is the 15th January. Late applications are sorted after those received on time. This application needs to be made to County Hall Admissions. Please let us know if you need any help with this process.

Food Bank

Thankyou to everyone that donated towards our food bank Christmas Tree. Altogether, there are more than 70 Christmas meals ready for collection later today.

Fitness Trackers

Following feedback from the parents' forum, we now allow children to wear fitness trackers at school. If you are thinking of getting one for Christmas, please ensure it is not able to take photos, videos or receive calls. All of these features present a safeguarding risk and would not be allowed in school.

Care Homes

Normally, at this time of year, we welcome local residents to our school for a performance of our Nativity and a mince pie. Sadly, along with many other traditions, we had to cancel it this year. Instead, we have sent them a mixture of poems, artwork, singing and a video of our nativity. More children were involved with this than ever before and I know it will be appreciated by the residents.

