



## WEEKLY UPDATE – 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020



Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to another weekly update!

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you to all Parents/Carers for taking part in the virtual parents evening, a parent's evening of this kind was new to us all and overall, it was a success. Unfortunately, not all the appointments went ahead as planned due to technical hitches so we will be in touch with those parents about their child's progress.

### **No Nuts in school!**

We seem to be having an increasing number of children with nut allergies in school. Please DO NOT send your child with any item that may contain nuts. Also, please make your child aware that they should not share snacks, it is very generous but we need to avoid any cross contamination. Thank you

### **Parking at Drop-Off and Collection Times**

Please remember that you may need to park a little way away from the school gates. We understand that there is not a lot of parking space, but parents/carers cannot park along the yellow lines or in the coned areas. This is to keep everyone safe, children and adults. Please walk or cycle when possible and give yourself enough time if driving to park away from the school gate and walk to collect your child.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. Your child can come to school in anything Christmas related as long as it is suitable for the school day. We will be taking donations on ParentPay and we will accept cash if for some reason you cannot donate online, we ask that donations are a minimum of £1.00. Children do not need to take part if they don't want to but it would be great for us all to get into the Christmas spirit and celebrate together while raising money for this worthwhile charity.

### **Christmas Dinner – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020, you will need to pay for your child's Christmas dinner on ParentPay before the end of the day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as we have to order the food early for this meal. This is a separate payment items from normal dinner, it is called Christmas Dinner – MEAT, Christmas Dinner – HALAL etc. If you do not order a meal for 16<sup>th</sup> December your child will need to bring a packed lunch on that day as we will not be able to provide any other hot meals.

The Christmas dinner will be eaten in the classroom along with children that are packed lunch so the children can have a Christmas lunch time with their classmates.

### **Barnardo's Helpline – COVID-19**

Barnardo's has launched a vital new support service which we believe will make a positive difference to the lives of many Black, Asian and minority ethnic children, young people and their families impacted by Covid-19. This is a UK-wide helpline which will focus on issues specifically affecting children, young people and families from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, who as we all know, have been hardest hit by the pandemic. The new service is a free telephone helpline and web chat facility for children, young people and families from these communities who are suffering the long-lasting and wide-ranging impact of Covid-19. Barnardo's specialist advisors will aim to provide on-going support on a complex range of issues including mental health, bereavement, family break-down, neglect, back to school, parenting advice, counselling, family stress, discrimination, barriers to services and more. <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/helpline>





## Christmas Cards

Your child can bring Christmas cards into school this year for their friends and teachers if they wish, but these must be posted in the post box near the year 5 classrooms, they will be isolated for 48 hours and then given out.

## Year 3 Parents/Carers – We need your help!

Do you have questions about your child's class or the school? Do you have issues that you would like resolving? Ideas on how we could make things better? Family issues or queries that you would like advice on? We are here to listen and help and your opinions matter to us! Would you be interested in meeting to discuss the above things and more... This may be done virtually or in person (if government guidelines allow us to). We can meet in groups or 1 to 1 if you prefer. If you are interested in getting more information on this, please complete the online survey by clicking the link below. This is not to do with your child's work.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-CcCZ246vAAaNCANhPhDf490iFMQpUSNVgpUQTM3QzJRWFpKR1JKSjZLNU5MWExJWEVJUi4u>

## Century Stars Competition

CENTURY Stars Winter Cup is still running. We are currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Keep up the good work everyone! There will be trophies awarded for each size of institution, so every school or college is in with a chance of winning! We would be grateful if as many children as possible could take part on Teams! You can do this at home too...

[https://discoveryschoolstrust.sharepoint.com/sites/MerrydaleTeachers/Shared Documents/2020-21 Planning/Teach\\_poster.pdf](https://discoveryschoolstrust.sharepoint.com/sites/MerrydaleTeachers/Shared Documents/2020-21 Planning/Teach_poster.pdf)

## Attendance

If your child is fit and healthy, they must attend school as normal. If they are unwell you must follow usual attendance procedures by calling the school office on 0116 276 7708 by 9.15am each day your child is ill, giving the reason for the absence.

**If anyone in your families does have symptoms of coronavirus they must be tested and the family must isolate until a test result is received, letting the school office know as soon as possible.** A quick reference guide for Coronavirus related absences is on our website.

<https://www.merrydalejuniors.com/images/covid/Covid-19%20Pupil%20Absence%20Guide%20v1.pdf>

If your child has any symptoms of Coronavirus or you have any questions that you would like to ask us regarding this, please send all queries to covid@dsatmerrydale.org. This inbox will be checked regularly, including out of hours. If your child has normal cold symptoms like runny/blocked noses etc. we would urge that your child attends school. If you are unsure you can call the school office on 0116 276 7708 for advice.

## Hoodies / Fleece

Hoodies are now available by ordering on ParentPay. All orders will be placed on Fridays and may take up to 2 weeks to arrive. If you would like to order a hoodie, please remember to add your child's size option in the notes section of your order.

We cannot provide Fleece at the moment, due to a delivery issue. This item has been removed from ParentPay for the time being and as soon as this is resolved, we will let you know. Thank you for your patience.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

C Mugglestone

Head Teacher





## SCHOOL MEALS FOR NEXT WEEK

MEAT	HALAL	VEG
RED	BLUE	GREEN

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Jacket Potato with cheese & beans and a side salad	Pizza with chicken & red peppers, pasta twists and sweetcorn	Cheese & Potato Pie with vegetables	Roast Chicken, served with vegetables and gravy	Fish Fingers, chips and baked beans
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Vegetable chilli fajita with vegetables	Margarita Pizza with Pasta twirls and sweetcorn	Cheese Flan with a side salad and coleslaw	Tomato/Vegetable Pasta Bake with a side salad	Vegetarian fingers with chips and baked beans

## PE Rota

Date	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week Commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Thursday	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday
Week Commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday & Thursday	Tuesday & Tuesday	Wednesday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday

