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AUTUMN TERM DIARY

Monday 14th December: On line panto afternoon
Tuesday 15th December: Y1/2 Party pm: come to school in party clothes
Wednesday 16th December: Y3/4 Party pm: come to school in party clothes
Thursday 17th December: Y5 Party pm: come to school in party clothes
Thursday 17th December: am: Nursery party: **all Nursery children** to come to school in party clothes
Thursday 17th December: Nursery closed pm
Thursday 17th December: pm: Reception party: come to school in party clothes
Friday 18th December: **SCHOOL CLOSED: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**
Monday 4th January: School opens for the Spring term

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week in which we unfortunately had to close our Zone 4 - Year 6 bubble, due to a positive contact. Thankfully the period of self-isolation for both children and staff ends as we break up on the 18th December! The children would have been back in school for the final day, but given the government announcement this week – school will now be closed on Friday 18th December. Thankfully, the rest of school has made it through to another weekend - to the continued practice in school, handwashing, hand sanitising, reinforcing 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it,' social distancing and mask wearing. We thank you for your continued support! The children enjoyed their Reindeer runs and Christmas has certainly now arrived in school!

NURSERY

On Thursday 17th December we would like to invite **all our Nursery children** (morning and afternoon sessions) to attend the Nursery morning session starting 8.30am and finishing 11.15am. This is to enable all the children to attend their Nursery Christmas party together. Please could the children be dressed in their party clothes. There will be no afternoon session on Thursday 17th December - Nursery will be closed to pupils.

HOME LEARNING

Our Year 6 staff team have been working hard to keep our Year 6 children busy during their period of self-isolation. The children have produced some brilliant work, which we look forward to seeing in their books when they return. Keep up the fantastic work Year 6.....you are doing a super job! Here's the link to access the site <http://bit.ly/nbremote>.

PUPIL MONITORING REPORTS

Today you will be receiving your child's monitoring report based upon our most recent assessments, which took place last week (30.11.20.) The assessments were much later than usual to give the children more learning time and in doing so begin to reduce the learning deficit created by the Covid-19 school closures. We do acknowledge that for many of our children the impact of Covid-19 has continued this term, with many children having to self-isolate and miss their learning again. The assessments have provided and created a baseline for each child. Our task in the new year is to inspire, motivate and enable our children to progress and achieve their best, whilst enjoying their learning.

YEAR 2 PHONICS INFORMATION (YEAR 1 PHONICS TEST)

Our Year 2 parents will have received an additional report containing the results of the Year 1 phonics test which should have taken place in June 2020 whilst the children were in Year 1. Phonics work is an integral part of the early curriculum and will continue daily throughout Key Stage 1. The children who narrowly missed the expected mark will have the opportunity to retake the test again later in the year.

REINDEER RUNS

We would like to 'Thank you' for your amazing generosity in supporting our Reindeer Run charity event. We have managed to raise a fantastic £ 400 for the Butterwick and Teesside Hospice. The children thoroughly enjoyed their runs around the site, keeping fit and most importantly having fun with friends. Well done to the pupils who won our Reindeers, our chocolate noses and our chocolate Reindeer poop!

With your support, this term our children and families have made much needed donations to the National charity 'Children in Need', the local Butterwick and Teesside Hospice. Our Year 3 and 4 children have made Christmas cards for our special friends at Fountains Court residential home and school have made donations to the Bungalow Project Christmas appeal.

HANDWRITING COMPETITION

We recently held a handwriting competition in school and Mrs Ede received entries from most classes. Our handwriting winners are Harry P – 2ZH, Hollie J -2EH, Theo H- 2CR, Poppy W – 2JR, Leon B- 1NS, Luna T – 1HL and Alex C -1ES. The children received a certificate and selected a book from Mrs Ede's prize trolley. Congratulations – and very well done to everyone who entered!

NURSERY PLACES

We currently have some afternoon Nursery places available for children (3 years+). Unfortunately, a Nursery place does NOT guarantee a place in school. Nursery application forms are available from the school office.

ZONE/BUBBLE LOCKDOWN

If any staff, families/ children develop symptoms, depending on numbers, this can/may lead to school 'zone' closure. If we receive confirmation of a positive test result, there may be a requirement for individuals, bubbles and zones to self-isolate. If you do receive a positive test result – please contact the school immediately. For out of school hours – please ring

07835931915 to inform school of POSITIVE TEST RESULTS ONLY.

We advise that you contact school immediately and request that parents do not post test information publicly on social media. Whilst it is highly unlikely that Newham Bridge will close completely. The new government guidance recommends that Schools where possible, are to remain open, closing only affected zones/bubbles. We do appreciate this has a huge impact on families. Should the local health board close our school, or part of our school, provision will be made for key worker/vulnerable pupils and education is to continue, with your support, using our home learning site <http://bit.ly/nbremote>. The site will be the daily source of pupil's work for completion at home in their lockdown books. The books have been handed out to the children - **ONLY TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF A LOCKDOWN.**

MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ONE WAY SYSTEM

Please wear a mask on site. Socially distance 2m from other households/families and follow the one-way system. Thank you!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you child or a member of your household display any symptoms of coronavirus

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **A new, continuous cough** – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – your child cannot smell/taste anything, or things smell /taste different

As Parents/ Carers you MUST to be ready and willing to:

- **[book a test](#)**. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their Parents/Carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- **[self-isolate](#)** if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked through the NHS **[testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#)**, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

We aim to do everything possible and practicable in school to enable our children to be safe, enjoy their time in school, develop their skills and make progress to achieve their best! We appreciate your support and patience with the current situation ☺

We hope you enjoy your weekend!

Regards

B Hewitt-Best

QUICK REFERENCE

NURSERY: AM SESSION START 8.30am – 11.15am FINISH PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH
ZONE 1: RECEPTION CLASS: START 8.45am –2.45pm FINISH
ZONE 2: Key Stage 1: Year 1/ Year 2: START 8.30am – 3.00pm FINISH
ZONE 3: Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 /Year 4: START 8.40am – 3.00pm FINISH

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Tuesday 15 th Dec	*PARTY PM: Y1/2 ES, Y1/2 HL, Y2 NS
Wednesday 16 th Dec	*PARTY PM: Y3/4 HH, Y3/4 ZHi, Y3/4 SB
Thurs 17 th Dec	*CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – Whole school *PARTY EYFS: Nursery party am * Reception party pm *PARTY PM: Y5 CR, Y5 JR
Friday 18 th Dec	CLOSED