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### UPDATE:

Whilst many performances will be going ahead the decision to record/share images of events in school, has been made to minimise risk.

All the staff at Newham Bridge Primary would like everyone to have a 'Covid-free' Christmas break and we hope you appreciate the difficult decision to avoid indoor gatherings and make alternative arrangements.

Our children will still be having lots of fun! 😊

### AUTUMN TERM 2 DIARY DATES

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christingle at St.Chad's Year 3 rehearsal  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS Party (pm)  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christingle at St.Chad's for Year 4 children  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Party (pm)  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y3/4 Party (pm)  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y5/6 Party (pm)  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carols around the Tree Y4  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term – Christmas Jumper Day

### SPRING TERM 1 2022 DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – PD DAY – school closed for pupils  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - school reopens for Spring Term  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan: 2HH swimming starts

### Christmas at Newham Bridge

**\*\*Now the Government guidance has changed \*\***

Due to the pandemic, Christmas activities have been very different over the past 2 years. Our intended arrangements were to move towards a more traditional Christmas in school however, we apologise for the changes we have had to make to reduce risk, considering new Government guidance.

\*EYFS Winter wonderland recording and images are available on the Home learning site.

\*KS1 will be singing and performing 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' which will now be recorded and available for view from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.

\*Our Y3 Christingle in St.Chad's will be for the Y4 children. Images will be available on the home learning site.

\*Y4 will now be recording their carols around the tree. The recording will be available from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately, choir will no longer be performing to reduce groups mixing across school.

\* Y5 & 6 will be enjoying many activities but are saving their big performance for a summer show.

**Christmas parties will be taking place in the final week. We request that children come to school in their party clothes.  
(See diary dates)**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be a Christmas jumper Day 😊



### Swimming

Y4 Pupils in Mrs Hindmarsh/Mrs Henwood's class will be swimming **10/1/22 – 21/1/22**

The sessions will take place every afternoon and children will need their costume, a towel and goggles if they have them. Children will be back at school at the usual time of 3.20pm

### SAFETY FIRST

#### PARKING

We request that all parents park responsibly with consideration for residents and pedestrians in our local community. Thank you!

**NO 'PAVEMENT' PARKING.....  
KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE..... THANK YOU!**

#### CAR SEATS & SEAT BELTS .....IT'S THE LAW!

Children in cars, vans and other service vehicles **MUST BE** carried in an appropriate child restraint from birth until they are either 135cm tall or 12 years old, whichever comes first. They must then use a seat belt

**KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE..... THANK YOU!**

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Thursday club has now finished. Choir has also finished for the term.  
A new after school club list will be available after the Christmas break.

### **C-19/ New variant OMICRON**

We received more guidance from the DFE this week regarding practice in school, to reduce risk from the new variant Omicron. Staff are recommended to wear masks in communal areas and suspected cases/ contacts will be notified by NHS Track and Trace. Confirmed positive Omicron cases are to complete a 10 day self-isolation, and this includes, close contacts including family members.

Again, 'Thank you' to those parents who have been vigilant, spotting symptoms early, self-isolating and testing. No one knows your child better than you and we request that you too remain vigilant and book a PCR test if you display any symptoms (further guidance below). **Our cases across school are beginning to rise.....Please continue to be vigilant!**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If your child/member of your household display symptoms of coronavirus 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
- PCR test 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.

#### **\*Please note PE changes**

#### **THERE WILL BE NO PE SESSIONS: WEEK BEGINNING 13.12.21: PARTY WEEK**

<b>SPRING 1 PE</b>	<b>Class group</b>	<b>PE days</b>	<b>Rec – Year 6 children come to school in their PE kit</b>  (white t-shirt, black shorts, joggers and a sweatshirt, plimsolls or trainers)
	Reception	Monday & Wednesday	
	Y1/2TS, Y1/2ES	Tuesday & Thursday	
	Y2MG	Tuesday & Thursday	
	Y3NS, Y3ZHi	Tuesday & Friday	
	Y4HH, Y4SB,	Monday / 2HH Swimming 10.01.22 – 21.01.22	
	Y5CR, Y5DJ	Wednesday & Thursday	
	Y6EH, Y6ZHo	Wednesday & Friday	

#### **THEATRE VISIT: Annie**

We have been fortunate to have booked the North East Productions Company to come and perform 'Annie' in school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the Theatre visits, which have taken place, in school, over the last fortnight. Both the children and staff enjoyed the performances.

#### **LATES**

Our school attendance figures are being affected by an increase in the number of daily late marks from children arriving after 9.00am

**School starts at 9.00am** and our doors are open from 8.40am to enable children to be settled and ready to learn at 9.00am.

Late arrivals causes disruption for everyone.

**PLEASE BE ON TIME – BEFORE 9!**

As always, we would like to thank you for your continued support.  
Have a lovely weekend.

Regards  
B Hewitt-Best