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Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents,

Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination

The flu vaccine available this season, while not protecting against Covid, does protect against the seasonal flu. Some children and adults can become seriously ill with flu, to the extent of hospitalisation. Therefore to protect as many as possible this year, the nasal spray flu vaccine is available to all children from Reception to Year 6. Any children who catch flu after vaccination are less likely to be seriously ill or be admitted to hospital and so the nasal spray flu vaccine gives children the best protection against flu. At this time when we are trying to ensure everyone stays well, we would like to encourage as many families as possible to give their permission and to return their forms. The forms states that *'The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). If the vaccine is refused due to this content, only children who are at high risk from flu due to a medical condition will be offered an alternative injected vaccine. More information is available from www.nhs.uk/child-flu-FAQ* The vaccinations will be taking place on Tuesday 8th December. If you change your mind and have decided that you would like your child to be vaccinated, please do call the office and let us know.

Christmas Cards

This is something I never thought I would have to write, but very sadly, this year children will not be able to bring in and exchange Christmas cards in school. As parents will be aware, we have so many measures in place in school, including children only using their own named resources, quarantining reading books from home, coming into school in PE kits, etc all to reduce any risk to one another and our community. In addition to all of these measures, we are also currently asking that children bring in as little as possible from home and unfortunately children exchanging cards with each other in school will contradict this policy. If your child is eager to write a card to their friends, we would encourage them to write one card for the whole class and the teacher can put that on display in the classroom. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this.

What we will do if we have a positive case of Covid 19

- We will inform you that a member of your child's bubble has tested positive. For privacy we will not inform parents of whether it is a member of staff or a child.
- We will notify you as soon as possible. If school finds out over the weekend, we will send a text either over the weekend or by 8am on Monday morning. We will then notify you as soon as possible as to when your child can return to school.



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- Work will be available via Google Classroom and we will send reminders about video registration times.
- If you do not have a device at home, please do let us know. We want your child's learning to be as uninterrupted as possible, so if we know now we can try and support you now. We have a limited number of tablets we are able to loan out for up to 8 weeks.
- We may find ourselves in a situation where more than one class/bubble has to close

Wrap up warm

To ensure we have fresh air circulating in the classrooms, we will be keeping windows and doors open as much as possible. It is important that we get the balance between children and staff not getting too cold (and so will close windows for short periods of time), but also still allow fresh air to come into the classes. We would therefore encourage children to come to school with extra layers as it starts to get a bit colder. This will be under continuous review.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 8th December nasal flue vaccinations

Wednesday 16th December Christmas lunch

Friday 18th December End for term

Finish times are:

Reception: 2pm

Year 1 and Year 3: 2.10pm

Year 2 and Year 4: 2.20pm

Year 5 and Year 6: 2.30pm

As usual, elder siblings can go at the same time as their younger sibling(s).

School starts back on Tuesday 5th January 2020 with the same start and finishing times as this term.

Awards -

Star of the week – Zara

Christmas Lunch
If your child usually brings a packed lunch, but would like a school Christmas lunch, please let the office know as soon as possible.

16/12/20

Tasty Mains
Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast
Santa's Crispy Roast Potatoes,
Stuffing & Sausage with Gravy

Scrummy Veggie Sides
Santa's Veg
(Broccoli & Carrots)

Yummy Desserts
Rudolph's Carrot Cake Slice
Crispy snow bar

Please speak to your school for more information and to sign up today!

Food Super Heroes

Mentions							
Courtesy							

Best wishes

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher