# Mortimer Primary School Update and News

20th November 2020

# Christmas is coming!

Welcome to the latest Update and Newsletter of the half term. With Christmas just on the horizon, we are looking at how we can inject the festive spirit into school - more details to follow soon. We hope this finds you well and you enjoyed some family time over the holidays.

## **COVID19 update**

We are now well into the second lockdown in England and fingers crossed we have seen fewer cases affecting school. We continue to be open and educating all pupils. Thank you to everyone for wearing masks, socially distancing and using the staggered start times to help protect each other whilst on site.

#### **Christmas Update**

Whilst we wait on the government plans for Christmas, we have been busy working on our ideas to keep Christmas in Mortimer this year. Unfortunately, our fantastic church performances and in-school nativity will have to remain on hold this year.

So what will be happening this December?

- Christmas Parties this year all in the afternoons!
- Christmas Dinners
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Our Christmas 'Walkabout' will also be happening by the magic of technology.

More details to follow regarding the parties and the changes we have made to keep everyone safe

#### **Christmas Dates for the Diary**

Mon 7th Dec - Reception Christmas Party

Tues 8th Dec - Year 6 Christmas Party

Wed 9th Dec - School Christmas Lunch - Don't forget to book!

Thurs 10th Dec - Year 3 Christmas Party

Fri 11th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 11th Dec - Year 2 Christmas Party

Mon 14th Dec - Year 5 Christmas Party

Tues 15th Dec - Year 4 Christmas Party

Wed 16th Dec - Year 1 Christmas Party

Thurs 17th Dec - Nursery Christmas Party am & pm

Fri 18th Dec - School closes for Christmas

We are still working on an number of items and will bring details once confirmed!

Children are able to go home to change for their party at lunch time as in previous years.



## After schools clubs

After school clubs are back! After a change in guidance, we are delighted that clubs are back up and running!

Thanks to Start 2 Finish Sports for their help in getting groups back on.

Monday - Gymnastics club Y4/5 3:30-4:35/4:40

Wednesday - Athletics club Y1/2 3:20-4:25/30

Friday - Athletics club Y3/4 3:30-4:35/40

If you would like your child to have a place please contact Chris directly or your child can collect a slip from Mr. Mackay.

Email:chris.s2f@outlook.com



## **School Dinners & Parent Pay**

Each week meals must be ordered on Parent Pay by Wednesday 10pm.

If you miss this deadline, we can organise lunches for you but this may be a cold lunch option as some items may be in short supply.

If you are having problems booking, then please speak to the office for help. We need your help in booking by the deadline to help the logistics of feeding 100's of children each day with multiple options. Thank you in advance

#### **Outdoor PE**

Just a reminder, especially as the weather is now colder, that children in both KS1 and KS2 will need a warm, plain tracksuit or similar for outdoor PE.



#### Poppy appeal

With your help, we are pleased to announce that we raised £317.54 for the Poppy appeal. Well done!

# **Competitions**

Bioartattack Competition need to be with the class teacher by Wednesday 25th November.

The Kindness Competition winner will be announced very soon! Thank you for all your entries.

Santa Paws entry forms and donations are due by 24th November.

### Our woodland

If you have any connections to garden centres etc we would be delighted to have some more established trees to plant in our woodland in the turning circle.

Please speak to Mrs Mackay if you are able to help grow our Mortimer Woodland. Many thanks

# **Lunch Time Support Assistant Required**

Are you ready to come and join the team? We require a lunch time support assistant to help supervise our Mortimer pupils during the dinner break.

No special qualifications needed, just a keenness to work with children in our fantastic school. Come and join us!

Enquire at the school office for further details.



# **Nursery Request**

Nursery would love any suitable donations of toy prams/buggies for the children to play with.

Any balance bikes or trikes would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you have anything you'd like to donate.

Thank you for your continuing support during these difficult times. Please contact us via phone, email or in person if you have any questions.

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