

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



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DECEMBER
2021

Next week at Ash Green an exciting time is in store for all our children. Through the week, different classes will visit Holy Nativity for Christingle with Reverend Robb. There will also be lots of fun 'on the stage' as classes and Key Stages perform their Christmas Concerts to be beamed out to families. On Wednesday, the Year 6 classes spend the morning at the Viaduct Theatre watching a performance of Sleeping Beauty and on Thursday, Reception will take their turn. (We have arranged a treat for all in January when our children will be visited by a touring pantomime that will be shown through the day for different groups.) Next week finishes with special lunches on Thursday and Friday (see below) and Friday is a non-uniform day (no charge) where children can bring toys and games. We will also be sending gifts home with ALL children to wish a Merry Christmas and hopefully the last 'different' one we have!

ITS CHRISTMAAAS!



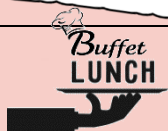
THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER

Christmas
DINNER

We will enjoy Christmas dinner together with staff sitting with their class as we do each year.

FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER

Christmas
Party



Children will have a fun filled last day with Christmas Parties and a buffet lunch.

HOLY NATIVITY PANTRY SCHEME

We have boxes in the foyer at both sites on behalf of the Holy Nativity Church. They would be very grateful for any donations of food from our community for their Pantry Scheme which runs each Monday afternoon.

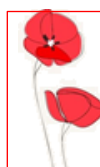


A big thank you to all children and staff who wore their Christmas jumpers today and helped raise money for Overgate and Forget-me-Not Hospices and Ronald McDonald House charities.

We will send your donations to these charities that are very dear to our hearts.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Next week staff will upload songs and performances from your child's class in their Christmas performances. You will receive details through the App and Seesaw/EEExAT on how to access these fantastic performances which the children have worked so hard to produce and which you will all be able to watch together as families and hopefully keep to watch again many times. We are so sorry that our current restrictions can't allow us to have a live family audience and we know that all our families would much rather be in school to see their children if we felt it was safe to do so. However, with a lot of work from staff and support from Rev Robb at Holy Nativity, we are able to film the different concerts to share with the families of THEIR children's performance. Let us all hope that this time next year we will be back in the school halls to cheer our children on!



A big thank you to everyone who bought our Remembrance items.

LAST DAY FUN!

KS2 children can bring electrical items – with parents' consent – but no phones or photo/recording devices.

The last Friday (17th) is party day. Children do not need to wear uniform that day and finish at 2:15.



Yesterday we had another (safe, masked and socially distanced!) visit from BBC TV and Radio, to speak with staff and children about the incredible work the Ash Green community is doing despite the unprecedented circumstances we have faced and the challenges we are overcoming together. The items are likely to go out next week (probably Tuesday) on BBC Breakfast TV and the Today programme on Radio 4.

WE'RE
CLOSED
FOR CHRISTMAS

CHILDREN WILL FINISH ON FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER
AT 2.15PM

AND RETURN ON TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2022



Remember that if anyone in your family is showing symptoms of Covid 19:

- A high temperature for any period of time
- A new and continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste

That person will need a Covid 19 PCR test. For this, follow:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If a child or staff member shows these symptoms they should NOT come into school/will be sent home from school. A test should be arranged. When the test is negative they can return.

IF a test is positive that person would need to isolate for 10 days and we would contact the families of anyone we felt may have been a contact.

There is no longer a requirement for children under 18 or double jabbed adults to isolate as contacts. However, national guidance is that those contacts- including household members of the positive case- take a PCR test, they do not have to isolate unless that test proved positive. At Ash Green, if we hear of a positive case then we WILL inform the families of children who may have been contacts and recommend as a minimum that they take a PCR test but those children CAN still come to school. If the child subsequently showed symptoms then they would have to isolate for 10 days or take a PCR test which if negative would mean they could return.

REMEMBER, CALDERDALE GUIDANCE IS THAT CHILD HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE IN THE HOUSE UNTIL THEIR OWN PCR TEST (RECOMMENDED 3 DAYS AFTER THE POSITIVE TEST FOR A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER) IS NEGATIVE.

The government issued guidance around the Omicron variant which they now appear to be going back on, we will await any clarity on this!

It remains such a difficult time for us all. Covid cases are still worryingly high, we have had MORE staff and children test positive this week, and we must put continued measures in place to support distancing, increased hygiene and prevent widespread contact between groups. The safety and welfare of our children, families and staff members is paramount and sadly Covid has seen many children and family members get ill this term and many staff. I know this causes some families some frustration and upset when traditional 'face to face events' have to be delivered virtually- particularly Christmas productions- but this remains a critical time for the health of our school community and it would be disastrous for people's Christmas to be ruined this year due to the spread of this awful virus.