

Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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"The ones who plant and the ones who water work together as a team with the same purpose." 1 Corinthians 3:8

Good Afternoon,

Here are some important updates to bring to your attention.

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The Local Authority are providing vouchers for Free School Meal families over Christmas. We have until the 2nd December to let them know who is eligible; if you require this service please apply online so we can get you the support over the holidays.

Children are eligible if parents meet the following criteria:

- you or your partner have a child for whom you receive [Child Benefit](#) and who is attending a school or college in Telford and Wrekin and you get any of the following:
- [Income Support](#)
- [Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance](#)
- [Income-related Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#) (provided you're not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](#) and have an annual income gross income of no more than £16,190)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- [Pension Credit](#) (guaranteed credit)
- [Universal Credit](#) and your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

More information is available including how to apply on [Telford & Wrekin Council, Free School Meals](#) and a flyer is available to download and share with parents.

Download: [Free School Meals Flyer](#)

SeeSaw and Parent Pay

We are delighted with the response from more and more of our families in connecting online with pupil's work on SeeSaw and our school messaging via Parent Pay. If you can't access these apps online, please let



us know immediately. We will try to resolve your issues as soon as we can. If you need the Family Seesaw password resending to you, please contact the school office.

Year 4 Bubble

On Monday 30th November, we welcome back our Year 4 classes. The safety of your children is always our priority and shutting both Year 4 classes was a recommended preventative action to keep all of our community safe. Our controls are strong, but decisions like this must be taken when necessary. We appreciate your support and kind words in dealing with this situation.

If we have to shut bubbles in the future, **all work will be on SeeSaw daily**, and class teachers will be in contact with you regularly throughout the shutdown.

If you, or any members of your family, develop symptoms, you need to isolate, and book a test. There is a new test centre on School Lane, Donnington.

All staff are now able to access regular tests, without symptoms, similar to staff working in care homes. This is another safety control. The Local Authority are also encouraging anyone to get a test if they have symptoms that are not the main three (high temperature, new cough, loss of taste). You can book these tests online, and click the box that says 'My Local Authority has asked me to get a test'.

Christmas Plans

Our Christmas Productions have always been legendary occasions. Thus, it is with great sadness, that we find we cannot do anything like we have done before. This year we will be endeavouring to create something smaller to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and for our children to experience the spirit of this special season. However, as you can imagine, we must focus on missed learning and completing our curriculum targets. Never fear, we will be still celebrating Christmas, but in a smaller and Covid-secure way.

We will be running a Christmas Card Competition on SeeSaw; ASDA have donated a prize! (we cannot allow the physical sending of cards in school)

For your diary - Our **Christmas Dinner and Jumper day** will be on **Wednesday 16th December**.

Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe.

TEAM Donnington.