

# 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

## December letter to all parents

Seasons greetings to you all,

In these strange times, we continue to look to our school values of hope, perseverance and friendship. Here are some dates for the last two weeks of this term. I am so proud of how everyone has pulled together as a community, and those things that seemed strange and alien in September now feel normal. We are hopeful for the future and wish you a safe and peaceful break over Christmas.

## Last day early finish

Our last day of term is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will be finishing slightly earlier on this day, as staff need to sort out classrooms, including all trays, tablets and furniture for a full deep clean over the Christmas break.

ON FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> ONLY

Year 4 will finish at 1:30

Year 3 will finish at 1:35

Year 6 will finish at 1:40

Year 5 will finish at 1:40 (as soon as year 6 leave)

## WB Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Our traditional **Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day** is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Christmas Card Competition

We are not able to give out Christmas cards brought from home this year; however, we are having a Card Design competition in school using SeeSaw. Asda have generously donated prizes for this fun event. All children will be making festive items in school in a Covid-secure way. Some classes will be making cards, and these will be photocopied. The deadline is **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** and all entries will be added to the Golden Book Folder.

## Donnington's Got Talent

We will be running our annual talent show, 'Donnington's Got Talent'. To enter, pupils can upload a short video (no longer than a minute) to Seesaw. AN ADULT FROM HOME MUST SEE IT FIRST and check it meets our Online Safety Rules. It needs to be added to the Golden Book Folder. The deadline is **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Christmas Tree of Hope

We are creating a tree of 'hopes, wishes and prayers'. Each child will make their own decoration, including their wish or prayer for this year or next. If you would like a wish or a prayer placed on it, please email it via parent pay. We will then decorate our tree with all creations. The deadline is **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Bottom Gate and Top Gate

Thank you for being safe and not driving up Leonard Close whilst building work is being carried out. The Highways Engineer is now back and is trying to push through the closing of the road, but in the meantime,



please keep to the main road (Winifred Drive) and walk up to the front gate. Alternatively, you may wish to drop off and collect from the top gate on Park Road. Please inform the office if you change your arrangements.

### **Online Safety**

Please be mindful of the age restrictions on TikTok (13+) and Call of Duty (18+). Children often tell us about what they are doing on these sites. Safeguarding your child is our number one priority. Please can you ensure that your child is not on these sites/games. We have had numerous issues with children not understanding the difference between reality and play after a Call of Duty match. If they like sharing safe videos, rather than TikTok, they can do it for the SeeSaw Talent Show!

### **COVID safety**

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID. If you have symptoms get tested. Telford and Wrekin LA is promoting the getting of a test for most ailments, see their website. You do need to isolate for some of the symptoms.

Over the Christmas Break, we may still have to contact you to ask you to isolate because of a positive case. We will be directed by the Health Protection Hub. Once a positive case is identified they go back 48 hours, to track and trace contacts, and so this could impact on you and your family. Therefore, please be extra vigilant with the current rules of social distancing and household mixing.

Returning in January, we will let you know ASAP if we cannot open fully on return. This may occur because of staff illness etc. We will let you know via the website and Parent Pay.

### **New Spring term 2021**

All pupils return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> is a PD day for staff.

### **Healthy Snacks**

We are launching a new healthy snack policy after the holidays. A lot of children are saying they are hungry or thirsty during the school day. Please ensure they come to school having had breakfast and with a healthy snack and water. Please do not send them with crisps or chocolate.

### **Food Bank**

We are still providing food bags up to the end of term. If you require help over Christmas, please visit the Community Hub in Donnington or go online at <http://telfordcrisissupport.org.uk/about/telford-foodbank>

### **BEAM**

If you are concerned about the mental health of your child over Christmas, parents/carers and young people can request support via our new registration system at <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/beamshropshire>

### **Parent Pay**

If you have not already, please activate your account on Parent Pay as this is our primary means of contact between parents and school.

### **Head lice**

Amazingly, even with social distancing, head lice are going around some of our classes! Please check your child regularly and treat accordingly. The local pharmacy can give you advice.

May I wish all of our children and their families a very Happy Christmas!

Mr R Fox