

St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a wonderful week to end the Autumn Term! It has been lovely to see all of the Christmas festivities unfold over the last week. The children have had the most enjoyable week, from a visit from our very own Father Christmas, to a hot chocolate train and cosy movie afternoon.

We hope that you have enjoyed the children's virtual performances. Although I know how much you would love to all take the time to come and watch your children in person, I want to thank you all for being so supportive to why this wasn't possible this year. We hope that next year will be a very different story! The children and staff all worked incredibly hard on their performances, and I am sure you will join me in saying a huge 'WEL DONE!'

On Wednesday, the children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers, and it was brilliant to see the children sharing a Christmas Dinner once again. A big thank you to our amazing Kitchen staff, who worked tirelessly to ensure the day was well organised and the food was delicious. We had comments from the children such as, 'this is the best day ever!' and 'I love Christmas Dinner more than any other type of Dinner!'

Over the holidays, I sincerely hope that you all remain safe and well. However, if for any reason one of our children tests positive, please inform me via our School Dojo messaging service. Please do not contact your child's class teacher over the holiday period as they will be sharing some well-deserved time with their families. You will be able to contact myself over the messaging service if there is an emergency.

An update on Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From 14th December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 was introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

A reminder that school will reopen as planned on Wednesday 5th January (at normal time).

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, full of love, laughter and family. Have a lovely, well-deserved holiday with your loved ones!

As always, keep safe,

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