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End of Term Arrangements

Letter Dated- 17th December 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

As we approach the final few days of school we know many parents (Like in all schools in Northern Ireland) have already taken the decision to keep their child(ren) off because of Covid concerns relating to Christmas plans with families. We have altered our end of Term plans to reflect this.

Non Uniform

Both Monday and Tuesday will be non-uniform days in school (No donation required). Christmas Jumpers can be worn but they are not essential.

Accelerated Reading Reward

This was planned for Monday afternoon but this will be postponed until January so that no one misses their reward.

Christmas Class Parties

Unfortunately, there will be no Class Christmas Parties next week.

House Prizes

This will be deferred until January

Toys and Electronic Devices on Tuesday

Pupils in P1-P3 can bring in a toy to play with (No electronic devices). P4-P7 can bring in an electronic device with age appropriate apps/games (No WIFI will be provided and photographs are not allowed to be taken). No mobile phones unless they have no SIM card. (All toys/games and electronic devices are the responsibility of the child)

****As a staff we will not be reminding pupils about bringing toys/games in on Tuesday as we know some parents will elect not to tell their child(ren) so that they don't feel they are missing out if they don't attend on Tuesday. ****

Attendance Marks

We will assume that if your child isn't in school on Monday and or Tuesday that they are being kept off as a Covid precaution and we will record them as 'present' on our system. There is no need to let us know in advance or to complete an absence note.

We have taken these decisions for Monday and Tuesday so that pupils do not feel they will miss out on events if their parents wish to keep them at home.

School will be open as 'normal' on Monday with Fun Club and Homework Club running.

End of Term 1B

School closes at 12 noon on Tuesday for all pupils for the Christmas Holidays.

Start of Term 2A

At present school will reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022 from 8.30am and Fun Club & Homework Club will run as 'normal'. Should we hear otherwise during the Christmas Holidays we will communicate this to you (Although as a school we tend to hear the information from news outlets like yourself before being 'officially' informed by Department of Education and Education Authority)

Lateral Flow Test kits

We have a large number of test kits in school which are utilised by staff members. We are able to reorder large numbers at any time so if you feel that as a family you would like some test kits sent home for your personal family use over the Christmas holidays and are unable to easily get these from your work etc. please feel free to ask for a few packs and these can be sent home. Libby will have a large number available from the front door on Monday and Tuesday morning if you wish to take some.

Christmas Carol Service

The pupils were fantastic during their performances yesterday. Thank you for the kind messages from many of the P1 and P2 'family pairs' who were able to attend and we are glad you got the opportunity to enjoy seeing your P1 or P2 child performing for the first time.

A link to all the recorded videos was shared with all our families via Seesaw earlier.

***** Please feel free to share these with your family members but please do not share on social media. *****

Positive Covid Cases

Should your child(ren) test positive between now and Friday 24th December could you please email me ibayne452@c2kni.net

Education Minister Visit

Currently the Education Minister Michelle McIlveen MLA is due to visit Coagh Primary School at 1pm on Wednesday 5th January 2022 to 'officially' open the new P7 classroom. There will be a tour of the school to see our wonderful pupils working and look at the ongoing building work. The Education Minister will also be talking to representatives of the Board of Governors about 'Area Planning' and its implications on the schools mentioned previously which include ourselves, Ballytrea and Stewartstown. 'Area Planning' will impact the makeup of these schools in the immediate future and the continued 'capital' investment by the Education Authority in Coagh Primary School is testament to this process. Further information will be sent out to our parents as the Area Planning process 'advances' from January onwards.

**** Obviously this visit is subject to change due to ongoing Covid developments. ****

Merry Christmas

As a staff we would like to thank you for your continued support during Term 1 and we hope that all our pupils and families have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful, enjoyable New Year.

Yours sincerely,



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