



Charleston Church of England Academy

Parent Updates Newsletter
11th December 2020

Dear Families

I can't believe that this term is already nearly over! It has been the most unusual term of my teaching career but I am ever grateful to our staff team for trying to ensure that the children have had as close to a 'normal' experience as possible.



welly walks

The Christmas festive feel has well and truly taken over the school and the children have been enjoying many festive crafts this week. The elves have continued to cause havoc in school this week including stealing Mrs Brown's photocopying code! Start Point had a lovely frosty walk to the estuary this week followed by hot chocolate. Goodshelter and Croft will be having their own frosty walk next week!



I have included with this letter both reminders of all things Covid 19 related but also, important updates of what to do if your child tests positive during the Christmas break. Please take the time to read these guidelines so that we are able to keep everyone safe and play our part in beating this virus.

Have a festive weekend!

Miss Coombe

Head of Academy





Festive Fun

Date	Event
15.12.20	Christmas Lunch day. Children can come to school dressed in party clothes. They will be making fancy hats in school and pulling homemade crackers! Staff will be serving lunch and then joining their classes to share a festive lunch together.
18.12.20	Christmas Party Day. Our Lovely PTA are providing treats for the children. The planned highlights include party games, festive disco and festive movies.
14.12.20 - 18.12.20	Sustainable Christmas Crafts and Cracker making.
15.12.20	Christingle Service with our Church family, our friends at West Alvington Academy and our local church community. We will be making Christingles and joining in a special virtual service.
TBC	Start Point + Year 2 Nativity special video release!
December - all month long	Experience Advent. Throughout the Advent period children will stop to reflect on the meaning of Advent using video clips created by our local church family.

Christmas Parties

Next week are our Christmas parties and we are all very much looking forward to them! We are very grateful to the PTA who have generously funded the festivities. To add to the festive cheer, the children may wear their own clothes on the day of their party. Please ensure that the clothes are suitable and that the children still bring a coat for any inclement weather.

Free school Meal Vouchers

The government have announced that they are providing vouchers over the Christmas period for families in receipt of free school meals. If you are entitled to these vouchers, you should have already received correspondence from Devon County Council Free School Meal Team. If you believe that you should be entitled and have not received anything, please contact the school office.

Friday 18th December

You will have seen in the press that the government announced earlier this week that schools could close early this term, taking an INSET day from later in the year. We have spent a lot of time considering this but have decided that we will remain open

National Christmas Guidance

We have been asked to share the following information with you. More detailed information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period>

From 23 December to 27 December

From 23 December to 27 December, you may choose to form a [Christmas bubble](#).

A Christmas bubble will be able to spend time together in private homes, including second homes and caravans, to attend places of worship, or meet in a public outdoor place.

If you do form a Christmas bubble, you should not meet socially with friends and family you do not live with in your home or garden unless they are part of your Christmas bubble.

In all other settings, people should follow local restrictions in the [tier](#) in which they are meeting.

If you do not form a Christmas bubble, you should continue to follow the guidance for the tier you are in.

From 28 December

From 28 December, you must follow the guidance for the tier in your area. Christmas bubbles will no longer apply

Positive Cases Discovered During the Christmas Break

If your child tests positive for COVID 19 up to and including the 23rd December, please inform the school through our admin email charleton@lapsw.org We will be regularly checking this account and should we have a positive test during this period, we will be actively supporting the 'Track and Trace' system to inform any families whose children may need to self isolate. If a child tests positive for the virus after this date, it is unlikely that any child or member of staff will need to isolate due to contact in school.

If Your Child Has To Isolate During the Christmas Break

If, during the Christmas period, your child is informed that they need to isolate due to contact with a positive case then it is imperative that this isolation is completed. Any return to school should not happen until the 14 day isolation period is complete. If the child is well, then learning can be set online through Google Classroom

Virtual Festive Family Activity Challenge

HO, HO, HO! Active Devon and the Devon School Games Organisers are hosting a FREE *Virtual Festive Family Activity Challenge*. The challenge will open at 10.00am on Monday 14th December 2020 and will close at 10.00am on Monday 4th January 2021.

Taking part in this fun challenge is a great way to keep your family active, moving and motivated over the festive season. This will help towards the whole family feeling happier and healthier.

The main challenge is made up of three separate challenges: the 7 Days Challenge; 14 Days Challenge or 21 Days Challenge. As a family you can choose which one you would like to do. Plus, which Certificate Award you would like to go for, either Bronze, Silver or Gold, For full details or watch the promotion video here: <https://www.activedevon.org/festive-family-activity-challenge/>

