**William Cassidi C. of E. Primary School**

**Newsletter No. 3**

**5th January 2022**

The Christmas festivities were greatly enjoyed by all the children despite the challenges faced this Christmas. The children performed beautifully and we hope you enjoyed being able to join us in school for these performances. It was lovely for the whole school to be able to celebrate Christingle at St. John’s Church especially as this is such a moving service. Whilst parents were unable to attend we enjoyed welcoming everyone to a ‘Sing-a-long’ in the playground at the end of the day to share Christmas songs and instrument playing by the children. Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children raised £90.08 and the children’s parties were really enjoyed by the children with each child receiving a present and a selection box funded by Banks Community Fund. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year brings everyone continued good news.

Our Outbreak management Plan: Risk Assessment remains the same and is available on our website. We continue to encourage all parents to ensure they and their children have access to their eschools accounts in case of isolation or closure. Online work continues to be provided by each class teacher using the same system that was utilised during closure last year. We would urge everyone to be cautious and to regularly test should you feel unwell to enable us to keep out school open.

Our website address is: [www.williamcassidi](http://www.williamcassidi/).eschools.co.uk to log into your child’s class eschools page at any time. If you are unable to access the Internet or have trouble accessing your account please do not hesitate to contact us as all notices and newsletters providing you with information are uploaded onto these systems.

**Children In Need and Odd Sock Day:**

Thank you to those who donated directly to these worthwhile causes. A total of £17.40 was donated at school.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:**

The second short report will be sent home on **Friday, 11th March** followed by parent/teacher consultations on Monday, 14th and Tuesday, 15th March. Please book your appointments through your parent eschool account. Booking will be open from 1st March until Saturday, 12th March. Parents may choose to have a zoom meeting or a telephone conversation should they not wish to attend a face-to-face meeting, please let your child’s teacher know via eschools. Should we be required to alter these arrangements we will let you know.

**School Clubs:**

Extra-curricular clubs continue to take place during lunchtimes and after school. Many of the varied clubs and additional activities are chosen by the children and are all free to attend.

**Parking:**

The ‘little people’ placed outside of school each morning and evening have been a great success and are making the road much safer for everyone. Thank you for your considerate parking outside school. We were contacted by a resident as we closed for the holidays to report an incident whereby their car was damaged by a parent’s car. They have informed us that they will be contacting the Police to report this damage and will provide their CCTV footage. We are sure this is an isolated incident and that our parents would not leave the scene of an accident.

**Half Term and Easter Break:**

We will close for the half term break on Friday 18th February. The school will reopen on Monday 28th  February. The Easter break will commence on Thursday, 7thApril and we will reopen on Monday, 25th April (Friday, 8th April is a professional development day).

The school will also be closed on Monday, 2nd May (May Day Bank Holiday).

**Other Useful Dates:**

We have provisionally organised event dates for activities we traditionally would undertake but these are dependent upon the safety advice and restrictions at the time and will all be confirmed prior to the event. Additional sporting events will be added to our calendar as they are communicated to us. We require all visitors to our school including Family Worships to wear a face mask and to sanitise prior to entry. We are also asking all visitors and parents to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before visiting or attending an event at school. If anyone feels ‘under the weather’ or have had any contact with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case we respectfully request they do not attend any school function.

5th January                                            School opens at 8:55am

WB 10th and 17th January                  Year 5 swimming each afternoon

11th January                                         M&M Productions ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’

20th January                                         Family Worship – Year 3

WB 24th and31st January                  Year 3 swimming each afternoon

2nd February                                         Year 1 vision and hearing (NHS)

3rd February                                          Family Worship – Year 1

17th February                                        Family Worship – Year 2

18th February                                        School closes at 3:15pm

**Half Term**

28th February                                        School opens at 8:55am

2nd February                                         Year 1 vision and hearing (NHS)

3rd March                                               World Book Day (dressing-up and activities to follow)

3rd March                                              Family Worship – Reception

11th March                                            Short reports to parents

14th March                                            Parent/Teacher Consultations

15th March                                            Parent/Teacher Consultations

21st – 25th March                                 United Kingdom Week

24th March                                            British Museum

28th March                                            M&M Productions ‘Alice’

30th March                                            Year 5 ‘Bikeability’ level 1

31st March                                            Family Worship – Year 4

6th April                                                  Tempest Class Photographs

7th April                                                  Easter Service led by Year 5 at St. John’s Church

7th April                                                  School closes at 3;: 5 for the Easter break

We will also hopefully be holding a service at St. Cuthbert’s, Redmarshall during the 4th-6th April.

**Easter**

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our school which enables our children to succeed in all they undertake. We wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that in the coming months we all remain healthy, happy and safe.

Mrs. Cornelius