



CURDWORTH PRIMARY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very different few weeks at Curdworth Primary School and I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Unfortunately, we currently have 2 classes self-isolating so it is very quiet in school! Well done to those children and staff members who are working hard at home. It is lovely to see so much fantastic learning on Class Dojo; I am very proud of you all! Keep up the great learning and we look forward to you being back with us in school very soon. Thank you to everyone who donated festive treats to the Erdington Food Bank, we managed to collect a total of 5 large cardboard boxes full of delicious goodies!!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Best wishes, Mrs Lisa Dodd (Headteacher)

CHRISTMAS AT CURDWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

In order to make this year as magical as possible the following Christmas events and activities will be taking place over the next 3 weeks:

Christmas draw - The Christmas raffle draw will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Please can all ticket stubs and money be returned to Jane Higgins, Claire Winters or our school office as soon as possible. Tickets will need to be returned by Friday 11th December at the latest or by Monday 14th December for Hedgehogs.

Christmas cards - Children are able to bring cards into school to post in our school post-boxes on the following days ONLY Monday 7th December, Tuesday 8th December, Monday 14th December and Tuesday 15th December. These cards will then be quarantined and handed out on Friday 11th December or Friday 18th December.

Christmas door competition - Last Friday, the staff stayed behind after school to decorate the doors and classrooms throughout school; they have done a wonderful job and it looks fabulous! Once squirrels class have had the opportunity to finish their door, we will share photos with you on Class Dojo. Our CEO Richard Gill will choose a winning door and that staff team will win a prize!

Virtual pantomime - In the last week of term, all classes will have the chance to watch the virtual pantomime of Jack & The Beanstalk which we have booked with The Belgrade Theatre, Coventry. The children will be provided with a drink and a sweet treat whilst they watch the panto in the comfort of their classroom - oh yes they will!

A Christmas message - In the last week of term, all classes will share a festive message for parents/carers on Class Dojo so please keep your eyes peeled!

Curdworth Christmas Day - Thursday 17th December will be Christmas Day at Curdworth Primary School. We don't want to give away all of the surprises but children are invited to come to school in festive wear on this day. We will also be serving Christmas dinner for lunch.

Christmas Brunch - Due to our early finish on the last day of term, we will be serving a midmorning Christmas Brunch on Friday 18th December. This can be booked on school money.

Christmas jumper day - On Friday 18th December, children are invited to wear a festive jumper to school for a suggested £1 donation to Barnardo's Charity, who support children living in poverty.

Early Finish - Please remember that we will finish school earlier than normal on Friday 18th December. Jaguar & Vauxhall will finish at 12pm and Ford & Rover will finish at 12.15pm. There will be no after school club provision on this day.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE MADE A DONATION VIA SCHOOL MONEY. MONEY DONATED BY PARENTS HAS GONE DIRECTLY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS AT CURDWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND WILL BENEFIT EVERY CHILD. IF YOU WOULD STILL LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, THIS PAYMENT ITEM IS STILL OPEN.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NORTH WARWICKSHIRE WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM



KEY DATES

DECEMBER

- 11.12.20 Relax Kids Workshop Y5/6
- 14.12.20 - 18.12.20 Creative culture week
- 15.12.20 Hedgehogs & Squirrels flu vaccinations (Please contact our school office if your child is in a different class and has missed their vaccination)
- 16.12.20 Christmas Raffle Draw
- 17.12.20 Curdworth Christmas Day
- 18.12.20 Christmas jumper day
- 18.12.20 Christmas brunch
- 18.12.20 Early finish:
Vauxhall & Jaguar - 12.00pm
Ford & Rover - 12.15pm
- 21.12.20 - 01.01.21 Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

- 04.01.21 INSET day (children not in school)
- 05.01.21 Back to school
- 11.01.21 Year 6 Health & Weight checks

KEY MESSAGES FROM WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOL HEALTH & WELL BEING SERVICE

Emotional and mental health

Lots of children and young people may struggle with their mental health at some point. It's important they know that they're not alone, it's OK to tell someone how they feel, and there are lots of people around to support them. Here are some links for support and advice for children, young people and parent/carers around struggles with emotions, anxiety or low mood:



For children and young people

[Young Minds](#) - mental health support

[CW RISE](#) - local mental health services

[Childline coping at Christmas](#) - support for young people struggling over the holidays

[NHS Every Mind Matters](#) - mental health and self-care for young people

[GOV UK](#) - easy-read guide to looking after your feelings & body during COVID-19

For parents/carers

[GOV UK](#) - guidance for supporting CYP mental health during the pandemic

[CW RISE](#) - advice & support for parents/carers, including workshops & useful resources

[Young Minds](#) - help for parents/carers worried about your child

[NHS Every Mind Matters](#) - looking after a child or young person's mental health



For urgent support with mental health for children and young people, please call the RISE Crises team on: **02476 641 799** (8am and 8pm) or **0300 200 0011** (overnight)

Your school nurse team is here to help!

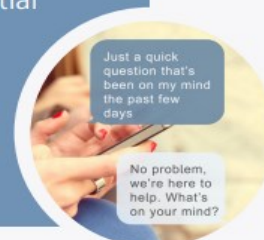
We know these times can be unsettling for children, young people and families. Our school nurse team is here to provide support with any concerns or questions about health and wellbeing: get in touch using the details below for free, confidential advice.

Parents/carers

Service mainline: **03300 245 204**
Text Parentline: **07520 619 376**

Children/young people 11–19 years

Text ChatHealth: **07507 331 525**



www.compass-uk.org/services/wshwbs

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

The welfare and safety of our children will continue to be our priority throughout the Christmas break. As Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Dodd will check emails on at least a weekly basis. If parents/carers need support you can make contact via email to head2502@welearn365.com or send Mrs Dodd a private message via Class Dojo.

If you think a child is in immediate danger please dial 999 and contact the Police.

You can also find support via from the following services:

Warwickshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH team) - 01926 414144

Warwickshire Emergency Duty Team - 01926 886922

Warwickshire Family Information Service - 01926 742274

School Health Chat Line: 07520619376 (Parents) 07507331525 (Teenagers)

Child Line - 08001111

Samaritans - 116123

Domestic Violence Hotline - 08002000247