

# Reckleford School & Nursery

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## Newsletter 2

DECEMBER 2020



After such a difficult year for all it is wonderful to be able to look forward to Christmas at last.

### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

The school has decorations up and we are looking at Advent with the children as well as telling the Christmas Story. Children will hear a range of stories linked to Christmas, told by their teachers. We are playing Christmas Music at lunchtimes!

Sadly, due to Covid-security we cannot put on a Nativity Play nor can we have our Christmas Fair. We must also ask that you do not send in cards this year nor any gifts for teachers. We really appreciate your support with this 😊 We will do our best to make this a special time even though we are limited due to Covid restrictions. It is crucial that we maintain safety for children and staff at all times.

- Children will remain in their classes but will be able to watch a Christmas film and play games in the final week.
- We will provide a special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>
- We are hoping to have a special 'virtual' visit during the final week and any gifts will be isolated for 5 days before they come home with the children

### CHRISTMAS AT HOME

We wish you all the happiest time in the holidays however, I have to remind you that Yeovil remains in Tier 2 which means only meeting up with up to 6 people outside and only linking with one other bubble of 1 person to go indoors.

Between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December you are allowed to mix up to 3 households, however it is crucial that distancing, ventilation, handwashing are all maintained.

Although we all want to enjoy the holiday it is essential that we remain careful and considerate in order to keep our community safe.

### HOLIDAY FOOD VOUCHERS

We will be providing Tesco Vouchers for the two week holiday to all families who are entitled to Free School Meals. Mrs White has text those families with the details.

If you are concerned that you or another family you are aware of, may be struggling financially, please speak to us in school.

### TESTS

**ADVICE AROUND TESTING REMAINS THE SAME** – if you or someone in your household develops a temperature OR a cough OR has a change in their taste and smell then your household must stay at home and the person with symptoms **MUST** be tested. If you are unable to get to a testing station then we have some test kits so please do ask.

### CATCHING UP!

We will be assessing the children's phonics, writing and maths before Christmas so we are tracking the progress they have made and our clear 'next-steps' in January. We will be sending phonic practice and a reading book home over the holidays – 10 minutes a day will ensure they maintain their skills and improve their fluency. Don't forget – support videos can be found at: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEzfpod5wQ&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEzfpod5wQ&t=1s)

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Dinner Supervisor Team have been working flat-out to ensure classes are safe and separate when eating their lunch, visiting the bathroom and playing outside. As two classes are eating lunch in their classrooms we are continuing to offer a cold packed lunch on 3 days each week

and a hot jacket potato on 2 days. After the holidays this will continue.

**THE WEATHER IS GETTING COLDER!**

Please remember that we have to keep classrooms ventilated so that fresh air is circulating. Do send your child with an extra layer (hoodie / fleece) to keep them warm inside and out. We will ensure that classrooms do not drop below 15 C.

**BREAKING UP FOR CHRISTMAS!**

We have made the decision to break up 1 day earlier than planned as the classrooms require full deep cleans and carpet cleaning. Children can be picked up from 12.30pm on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

And finally...



Confidential help and advice for parents and carers of 0-4 years or 5-19 years. A safe and easy way to contact your Health Visiting Team . Just send a text. 07480 635514 (0-4s) or 07480 635515 (5-19)

**RELATIONSHIPS & HEALTH EDUCATION**

This is now a statutory part of the National Curriculum and children in Year 1 and 2 are taught about the importance of family and friends, personal safety (including online) and what makes a healthy lifestyle. Our draft policy is now on our website and we welcome any feedback on this.

For more details about the school please visit our website [www.somerset.org.uk/sites/reckleford](http://www.somerset.org.uk/sites/reckleford)

**INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY**

- 1 FRIDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (or any warm home clothes)
- 2 WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY (for every child)
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- 4 THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS (12.30pm)
- 5 MONDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – INSET DAY
- 6 TUESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – TERM BEGINS FOR ALL CHILDREN

**'Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.'** Reckleford School & Nursery 'Ethos'

**FROM ALL OF US AT RECKLEFORD WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND VERY SAFE CHRISTMAS!**

