

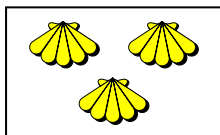
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Christmas

Christmas cards

We have now received updated advice about the giving and receiving of Christmas cards. The good news is that the children can bring in cards but only within the following timeframe:

Between Monday 7th December and Friday 11th December - bring cards in and put in their classrooms in two boxes. One box for their own class and the other for other classes or staff. Please make sure all envelopes are clearly marked with the name of who it is for and class. Please **don't** bring in any cards after Friday 11th. We will not be able to distribute them. All cards brought in will be quarantined and then distributed in the last week of term.

Please do not send in presents from children to other children.

Staff presents

Should you wish to send in presents for adults in the school please be mindful of quarantine time. The teachers will also ensure any presents they send home will have been quarantined to make this safe.

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December

Please let the office know as soon as possible if your child will be bringing a home packed lunch or would like the Vegetarian option. Everyone we don't hear from will be ordered a Turkey meal. There will be no school packed lunch option on this day.

Free school meals during school holidays- from Herts CC

*HCC is teaming up with the Family Food Trust, a government backed charity, to help them to deliver food vouchers to children in receipt of free school meals during the winter school break. This follows recent government announcements of the COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme. A total of £30 per entitled child will be provided for the Christmas holidays (10 days) and £15 per child for the February 2021 half-term (5 days). Families will receive support for each of these holidays separately, before the end of each term. This support is not available for children entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, but entitled children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will receive a voucher. The electronic vouchers for food and groceries can be used in four major supermarkets (Asda, Morrisons, Tesco and Sainsbury's) and will be sent to families directly by email. We, HCC and the Family Food Trust will need to access and share personal data of pupils and students who are entitled to free school meals to enable us to provide food vouchers directly to eligible families. This data will include the name and contact details of each pupil/student and parent/carer and the name of the college they attend. All information shared will be used solely for the purpose of distributing food vouchers; no personal information will be shared with any other partner or third party, and data will only be retained for the length of time of the food voucher support offer. Data will be stored and transferred securely from your school to HCC and then to the FFT. **If you do not wish your child(ren) to be included in this voucher scheme or if you have any concerns please contact HCC** at: educationteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk. For further information about HCC's Privacy Policy please click [here](#). **Families who do not qualify for free school meals but are worried about their finances or having enough food this winter can contact HertsHelp, email info@hertshelp.net, call 0300 123 4044 or visit www.hertshelp.net***

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

Thank you for your generous support of this charity. We raised a fantastic £464.50.

Save the Children

On Wednesday 16th December, we will be having a 'Jolly jumper/ silly socks or wear your party clothes' for the day for a minimum £1 donation. To save changing during that day the children will **come in to school wearing these clothes** (should they wish). We will set up donations through Schoolcomms or you can bring money in on the day.

Face masks at pick up and drop off

Thank you to those parents who are wearing face masks to ensure other people are safe. Please remember to wait 2m apart from all other adults when you are collecting your children. If possible you should continue to wear a face mask or stay in your cars to ensure that the risks are reduced even further. Thank you.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent questionnaire.

Headlines:

- 95% of children are happy at the school
- 99% of children feel safe at school
- 3% of parents think that children are not well behaved
- 5% of parents of children who have been bullied don't think it was dealt with well
- 87% of parents know what children will be learning
- 82% of parents who raised concerns agreed it was dealt with properly
- 5% of parents think their child with SEND don't get the support they need
- 12% of parents don't think the school has high expectations of their child
- 92% think appropriate measures were put into place in response to COVID-19 guidance
- 91% of parents would recommend this school to other parents

These percentages are in line, or much better, than the last Ofsted Parent view in 2017/18 in most areas where the questions match or are very similar, especially in respect of behaviour, dealing with concerns and recommending the schools to others. We continue to strive to improve and will feed the information in to our School Improvement Plan.

Dates for the term

December	Values: Compassion
9 th December	Flu vaccination, catch up session
16 th December	Christmas Dinner and activity day (non uniform)
18 th December	End of term - early finish, see table below, no ASC
5 th January 2021	Term starts

Year 6 and Year 5	1.40pm
Year 4 and Year 3	1.45pm
Year 2	1.40pm
Year 1	1.50 pm
Reception and Nursery	1.55pm

Reminder - Reception September 2021 entry (current Nursery)

Please remember that applications can be made now and must be made by 15th January 2021.

Yours sincerely
Mrs M. J. West
Headteacher