



Wigton Infant School December Newsletter



Website

www.wigtoninf.cumbria.sch.uk

Nasal Flu vaccinations

The vaccination nurses will be in school on **Tuesday 30th November.**

If you have completed a form giving consent for your child to receive a nasal flu vaccine in school but you have already taken your child elsewhere for their flu vaccine, please can you inform the School Age Immunisation team as soon as possible on 01900 705867. If your child is ill in the 3 days leading up to the 30th November, can you please let the school office know and we can inform the nurses on the day.

Christmas Events

After much consideration we have decided not to hold Christmas events for parents in school again this year. I understand that many of you will be as disappointed as we are but we have had to balance the continuing risks posed by Covid against our wish to have a 'normal' Christmas for the children. The staff in the different year groups will be in touch via Dojo and Tapestry to let you know what they will be doing for Christmas in their classes.

Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner

Friday 10th December is Christmas Jumper Day. Children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on this day if they wish. Our kitchen team will be making Christmas Dinner on this day too for all those children who have a school dinner.

Christmas Parties

Year 1 – Monday 13th December

Reception – Tuesday 14th December

Year 2 – Wednesday 15th December

Nursery – Wednesday 15th December

Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes but please remember they will be going out to play so if they are wearing party shoes then please send everyday shoes for outside.

School will provide party food for the children.

If your child has any allergies please check with their teacher to ensure that we can provide an appropriate snack.

FOWIS Christmas Raffle

FOWIS are once again organising a Christmas Raffle and have some fabulous prizes to be won. More information will follow very soon.

Communication

Please ensure your contact details are always correct and regularly check your emails and ParentMail for messages.

Please note- if you change your contact details directly on the ParentMail app you must also notify the school office to ensure your child's school records are up to date.

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks of those of you who donated to the Poppy Appeal. We raised a total of £275.16.

Children in Need

This year we asked for donations to be given directly to our Just Giving page for Children in Need. We raised a total of £250.00. Many thanks to all those who donated.

Spare Clothes

We are in need of spare clothes in school, in particular boys' underpants, socks and trousers. If you are able to donate any clothes your child may have grown out of please bring them to the school office.

Parking

We have received several complaints from residents on Longthwaite Road regarding parents blocking their driveways at school times. Please do not park inconsiderately as this is causing lots of access issues. We have also had reports of cars blocking pavements on Longthwaite Road which has made it very dangerous for pedestrians.

There is no need for inconsiderate or dangerous parking as you all have access to our **FREE Park and Stride Scheme**. Every child (the youngest sibling) in Wigton Infant School was issued with a new red Park and Stride car parking ticket. The tickets were personalised with a number which identifies your child. This entitles you to free parking at school times so please make sure you use it. Thank you.

Recruitment

We currently have vacancies in school for a Site Manager and two Fixed Term Teaching Assistants. Details can be found on our school website.

Governor Vacancies

We still have three vacancies on our Governing Body for

- Co-opted Governor X 2
- Parent Governor X 1

If you know of anyone who may be interested in the positions please contact Mrs Woodburn who will inform the Chair of Governors.

FOWIS Recruitment

We are very grateful to FOWIS for the work they do in supporting school and providing our children with the little extras. There is still a vacancy for a Chair person. If you would be interested in the role please contact the school office.

Covid-19 updates and track and trace over the holidays.

If your child has Covid symptoms over the first few days when school finishes (Friday 17th December to Sunday 19th December) and then tests positive for Covid, it is really important that you let school know for the purposes of informing your child's contacts. Please use my e-mail for this head@wigtoninf.cumbria.sch.uk and let me know as soon as you get a positive result. We will then inform parents in the usual way (this will also be the case if one of our staff has symptoms and then tests positive over this weekend).

End of Term

In line with the early finish time at Thomlinson Junior School we will also be finishing early on **Thursday 16th December at 1.15pm**. The Friday is being taken as the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

New Year Return to School

Children will return to school after the Christmas break on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Starting school/transfer to Junior School 2022

Applications can be made online at www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions Please note the deadline is **15th January 2022**.

And finally ...

All of the staff would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

