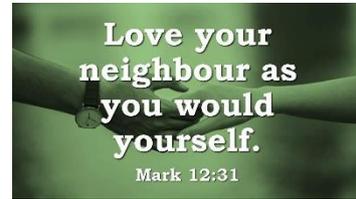




Measham C of E News

Friday 6th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final two weeks of what has been the most unusual and challenging term, I want to ask you all for your support.

Over the last term, your child's teachers have been working so hard, teaching the children in school during the day, covering classes, giving up their support staff for cover, doing extra duties, using the evenings to mark, setting home learning for those who are at home isolating, making sure that the classrooms look amazing and so much more. We are all tired and are very much looking forward to spending Christmas with our loved ones!

Government advice is still that children should continue to attend school. Schools are safe places to be, especially with the additional measures that we have put into place, for example ventilation in classrooms, regular hand washing and as far as possible, classes in distinct bubbles.

However, we ask that you are extra vigilant over the next few weeks for signs and symptoms of Covid and please do get a test if you or anyone in your household develops symptoms or is feeling unwell. Remember that the entire household should isolate until the test results are back. Children should NOT attend school whilst anyone in the household is awaiting test results, as this is often when the virus is passed to others.

When you have the test result, particularly if it is positive, please let school know as soon as possible by emailing office@measham.leics.sch.uk so that we can seek advice and decide if any children/staff are close contacts and need to isolate for 14 days. We will be checking this email in the evening and at the weekend too.

Self-isolation means your child must remain at home both during the school week and during weekends. They should not be taking part in any activities such as sport; they should not go outside or to public areas during this self-isolation period, or come into contact with anyone outside of their home. **Even if you never develop symptoms, you can still be infected and pass the virus on without knowing it.**

We all have our part to play in reducing coronavirus infections in our community and we need your help to safeguard the wellbeing of our staff and pupils and to protect precious and well-earned family time together. Thank you in advance for your support.

If your child tests positive over the Christmas break, please can you let us know by email office@measham.leics.sch.uk or sending a private facebook message to school so that I can track and trace any possible contacts and make the appropriate authorities aware. Thank you!

Apply for a Primary School Place

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2021**. The simplest way is online at: www.leics.gov.uk/admissions. If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on admissions@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 6684.

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You shop. Amazon gives.....Everyone can help!

Covid is obviously making fundraising incredibly difficult for our PFA this year. We would be really grateful for your support. Please can we encourage people to take the time to sign up to **Amazon Smile**. It isn't going to earn us huge amounts of money but it is effectively money for nothing at a time when we are scratching our heads about how to bring any money in. The more people we can persuade to sign up, the better – parents/grandparents/other significant adults can sign up to help us out too. Thank you!

The scheme basically works as follows:

If an Amazon customer registers for Amazon Smile then they can select a charity they wish Amazon to donate to on their behalf.

Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the price of their purchases to their chosen charity at no extra cost to the customer. They must register with Amazon Smile and select their chosen charity. **If they use the Amazon app to shop then they must also activate the Amazon Smile option on their app (otherwise any purchases made on the app will not trigger a donation).**

How to register your Amazon account for Smile donations to Measham PFA:

Please use this link which will take you directly to the Smile page and allow you to confirm us as your chosen charity

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1101806-0>

If you use the Amazon app, please use the above link to register and then:

Go into the Amazon app

Click on the menu icon (three lines)

Click on "Amazon Smile"

Use the drop down to turn donations ON from the device you are using

Christmas at Measham

- If your child would like to send Christmas cards, please just send them to the children and staff in their class. Thank you!
- If you wish to send a gift in for your child's teacher, that would be lovely as the teachers can quarantine them before opening them on Christmas Day. Thank you!
- The EYFS and KS1 children are putting together a virtual Christmas play for your enjoyment and we can't wait to share this with you.
- The KS2 children are also busy practising a Measham version of a well-known Christmas song. We will also share this with you before the end of term.
- Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December – the children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper as part of a non-uniform day for a donation of £1 which will be collected on the gate and donated to Save the Children.
- Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 15th December – thank you to everyone who has ordered...any last minute orders, please contact the office.
- On Wednesday 16th December, the Panto is coming! This is a one-man show with the rest going happening on the big screen via Zoom. Each bubble in school will get their own showing. On that day, lunch will be sausage and chips in a bag with crudités and a muffin. We will send out an order form next week now that we have finished ordering Christmas lunches.



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**THANK
YOU!**

This will be my last newsletter of 2020, it has been another fantastic year here at Measham CE, despite the challenges we have faced; we have the most amazing children, dedicated staff, supportive parents and we are blessed to be situated in a great community! Thank you to you all for your support this term, I know we will all be pleased to welcome in the New Year...here's to 2021!

School closes for the Christmas break on Friday 18th December 2020. We reopen to children on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact school.

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

Dates

Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All day
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner in school	lunchtime
Wednesday 16 th December	Panto	All day
Friday 18 th December	Finish for Christmas holidays	3.15pm
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	School re-opens	8.45am – staggered drop off and collection remains in place and also the one-way system too.
Friday 8 th January 2021	EYFS Superhero Day	All day

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