



December 2020

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

We hope you enjoyed your long weekend! The staff had a very busy day planning and improving skills in digital technologies, in particular how we use the different aspects of Google Classroom.

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In addition to welcoming our students, we have also welcomed Vicky to Abercromby PS. Vicky is an Early Intervention Worker who is supporting our Primary 1 and Primary 2 learners both in the classroom and in the playground. Vicky joins us for 3 days a week and visits Fishcross PS for the other 2 days.

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Can we take this opportunity to remind you that we have our pre-loved uniforms available in school. You can contact Miss Delaney or Miss Brown should you wish any items of uniform. Children grow so quickly and we have lots of items available. Please use Class Dojo to send a message if you require anything!

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### Settling Back into Abercromby

Please look out for your child's settling back into Abercromby report on Friday. Due to the guidance that letters are required to be quarantined for 72 hours, these reports will be sent home on Friday. Please send back the comments sheet with your child as we'd love to hear from you. Thanks!

### Notices for Parents

This is just a gentle reminder that at the moment under the current guidance that no items should be brought from home to school. The only exception to this is a jacket, lunch box and water bottle. Thanks again with your support with this!

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We have had to remind the children again to stop riding bikes and scooters in the playground and especially the front area. We have spoken about this at assembly and we would really appreciate you sharing this message again at home. We do not want anyone to get hurt. As soon as the children are in the grounds- they must come off! Thanks for your support!

Attendance



If your child is unwell and is absent from school, please remember to call the school office on **01259 722972** to notify us of this absence. It is extremely important that we are able to account for every absence every day, especially if self-isolating.

We have enhanced our measures in school to ensure that every situation is being treated accurately. This will involve some additional questions being asked over the phone to ensure that we are aware of exact dates to allow us to calculate the self-isolation period from either the date of symptoms showing or the date of a positive test result. Each case is different.

We thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this matter.

Christmas Organisation



We are almost in December and with that, we wanted to share all the plans we have over the coming weeks for Christmas!

Christmas is certainly creeping up on us very quickly and despite our efforts to keep things as normal as possible, it will be a little different for the children!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the children can come to school on **Friday 11th December** wearing their Christmas jumpers or wearing something Christmassy. Instead of collecting a financial donation, we are asking for something to be donated in the Campus Christmas Collection boxes. These will be donated to The Gate after the 72 hours quarantine period. The boxes will be available from Monday 7th – Monday 14th December at the front and rear entrances of the school.

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We understand that there will be children wishing to send Christmas Cards though we still need to reduce items from home. With this in mind, we would like to encourage children to send only one card to their whole class. Christmas Cards can be brought in between Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December though again will be quarantined for 72 hours before being opened on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

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Christmas Parties will take place on **Friday 18th December**. The whole day will be Christmassy themed with activities, a movie and the party in the afternoon. The staff have planned their parties carefully and the children will have their party food too. We would encourage the children to come dressed in the morning.

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We have also arranged for the children to have an online pantomime experience! This year's pantomime will be Jack and the Beanstalk. We are looking forward to 'seeing' this on the big screen!

## Christmas Hamper and Gifts



Things have been a bit different this year and we've had to think of creative ways to raise funds for our school. The Abercromby Staff team have kindly donated items to put together a luxury family Christmas hamper worth over £200, it contains lots of Christmas goodies for all the family to enjoy!

Tickets are £1 each, available through parent pay (No money should be sent to school). We will keep a record of tickets in school as we can't currently send tickets home. Tickets will be sold up until Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December & the raffle will be drawn on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. All money raised will go towards buying resources to support our contexts for learning throughout the school.

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Christmas is seen as the time of year for the giving and receiving of presents. Each year, many parents like to give their child's teacher a present at Christmas. Under the current circumstances to reduce items brought in from home, we would like to request that if you would have been buying a gift, that instead you could donate something extra in the Christmas Campus Collection or why not buy some extra raffle tickets for the Christmas hamper. Whilst we appreciate the gesture, this is not something we expect. Thanks!

Dates for your Diary – December



Monday 7 th – Monday 14 th	Class Christmas Cards can be brought into class only
Friday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day (or wear anything Christmassy!)
Friday 18 th	Christmas Parties in class Christmas Cards being shared
Wednesday 23 rd	End of term at 1pm
Thursday 7 th January 2021	Everyone back to school!