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Christmas celebrations are going to look a little different this year, but plans are well underway to ensure our pupils still enjoy the festive period. All classes will have their own Christmas Activity Day and these have been noted below. Unfortunately, with ongoing restrictions we are unable to have whole year group parties. The open plan nature of the school means that we have also had to take a number of other factors into account when organising our Christmas Activity Days, such as disruption to other classes and the availability of break out spaces.

On their Christmas Activity Day, the children can come to school in their casual clothes/party clothes. Their teacher will plan a range of Christmas themed activities for this day. The children will also have the chance to enjoy an online panto, (The National Elf Service), which has very kindly been funded by our PTA. The PTA will also be providing some treats for the children to have on their party day.

Christmas Activity Days

Day/Date	Classes		
Wednesday 9 th	P5/4	P3A	
Thursday 10 th	P4A	P1A	
Friday 11 th	P7A	P7B	
Monday 14 th	P4B	P1B	
Tuesday 15 th	P6B	P3B	
Wednesday 16 th	P5	P2	
Thursday 17 th	P6A	P2/1	P3/2
Friday 18 th	Nursery		

The British Heart Foundation Elf Kick

We know that there has never been a more important time for children to get moving and focus on their health and wellbeing. As a result, will be taking part in 'The BHF Elf Kick' during the first two weeks of December.





2020 has been a very difficult year for teachers, pupils and their families, so The British Heart Foundation (BHF) has created a brand new initiative which will allow children to get 'Fit and Elfy' this Christmas and have some festive fun in a completely Covid friendly way. The Elf Kick is a series of 12 fitness and wellbeing challenges that the school will take part in, over 12 consecutive days in December. The exercises are all Christmas themed and last no longer than 10 minutes each. They have been designed this way so that we can fit them into any point of the day! No equipment will be required, and all challenges are suitable to allow for social distancing. We would also like you to do the activities each day at home too, then we are doing 20 minutes of getting 'Fit and Elfy.' We are all looking forward to this fun Christmas initiative and can't wait for it to begin on **Tuesday 1st December** for 12 consecutive School Days ending on **Wednesday 16th December**. The whole school is participating and there will be other fun Big Elf related tasks going on throughout December in school. Keep checking on Twitter to see what the Stepps' Elves are up to! We would love to see your family pictures of you taking part in the Big Elf Kick, please feel free to share them on our Twitter @LearningStepps.

Christmas Lunch

Our catering staff will be serving Christmas Lunch on **Friday 18th December 2020**. The cost will be **£3.00**. Pupils in P1 - P3 and **all children normally entitled to free meals** are still entitled to a free lunch on this day. Lunch order forms have already been issued and should be returned to the school by Friday 4th December at the latest.

Crazy Christmas Day

Friday 18th December will now also be our official Crazy Christmas Day. We would encourage pupils to come to school looking as festive as possible. Christmas jumpers, Santa hats, Christmas onesies, sparkly tops etc are just a few suggestions. Whatever your child wears/brings, please remind them that items should not be passed around or shared with others.

NURSERY ARRANGEMENTS

Our nursery staff will issue parents/carers with further information regarding festive arrangements for our Nursery Class.

FESTIVE HOLIDAY

This has been an extremely challenging year for staff, pupils and our school community. As we approach the holiday period, we would like to thank you for your continued support and patience over the last nine months. We know that there are more challenges ahead, however, we will continue to stay



positive and work together to ensure the best for our school community. We wish you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday.

Don't forget to visit our school Twitter feeds to see photographs of all our main events. @Steppprimary @LearningSteps

REMAINING TERM DATES FOR 2020/2021

December 2020 - January 2021

Christmas and New Year Holidays:

Wednesday 23 December 2020 - Tuesday 5 January 2021 (inclusive)

February 2021

Mid-term break: Monday 8 February 2021 and Tuesday 9 February 2021

In-service Day: Wednesday 10 February 2021

April 2021

Thursday 1 April 2021 and re-open on Monday 19 April 2021

(Good Friday 2 April 2021 and Easter Monday 5 April 2021)

May 2021

May Day holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

In-service day: Thursday 6 May 2021

May weekend holiday: Friday 28 May 2021 and Monday 31 May 2021

June 2021

School closes: Thursday 24 June 2021



WE WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF ANY CHANGES MADE TO THESE DATES BY THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT OR LOCAL AUTHORITY.