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LPPS Newsletter

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Year 6 had fun drinking hot chocolate, watching the campfire and listening to a Christmas story. We read, 'This is the star,' and imagined we were the shepherds around the fire many years ago.

Yesterday, **Foundation Stage** had a very busy and Christmas themed day! We enjoyed our Christmas lunch and crackers together, then it snowed in Didcot! Did you see the snow? Then we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas who gave us a very special present as we have been so good at school!
Foundation Stage Team

Pictures on our school blog!

Congratulations to Aarish in Year 5, who recently received distinction (highest grade) in a recent piano exam. Well done Aarish!



Christmas Lunch was a bit different this year and whether your child chose to have the 'Christmas in a bun' option or brought in their own packed lunch yesterday, everyone had a jolly time and enjoyed the festive atmosphere. Our naughty SLT elves accompanied the 'Man in Red' when he visited each class and our thanks to PALS for providing every child with a Christmas cracker and more, again this year.

Christmas post box - Our Year 6 and 5 Elves have been busy sorting and delivering over 2,000 Christmas cards this week. Our thanks to Mrs Humphries, Mrs Forgan and the other elves for all their sorting and delivering!



Christmas Sing Songs: Children (and staff) have recorded themselves singing Christmas songs. Miss Corrick worked hard to overcome some last minute technical hitches and the class recordings will shortly be uploaded onto Google Classrooms for parents to hear. There is also a class message slideshow. Please bear in mind these recordings are for personal use and should not be shared publically online.

Covid tracing arrangements through the Christmas Holidays:

These are the holiday bubble tracing arrangements:

48 hour window for symptoms

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having **become ill more than 48 hours after being in school, you do not need to contact the school**. Therefore, you do not need to contact school after 1.20pm on Sunday (or the time your child left After School Club). After this time, parents and carers should follow public contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace in these circumstances.

6 days window for test results

- **For the 6 days** after teaching ends (ie. by Christmas Eve on our staggered closing timings), if a pupil or staff member **tests positive** for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is still expected by the government to **contact the bubble and advise self-isolation**, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. This will entail a letter from the school to the class bubble advising to follow government expectations following contact with a positive case. This will be sent to you via parentmail email and direct to your device if you have the School Jotter App.
- All of these guidelines outlined by the government do pose yet another big inconvenience for everyone so we appreciate your support in minimising health issues in this very challenging year. Please find the standard PHE guidance at the end of this newsletter.

NOTICES ...

ParentPay: Please can parents ensure they have settled any outstanding monies on ParentPay.

COMING UP.....

Date for your diary: The School Nursing Team will be in school Thursday 28th January 2021 to facilitate the **Foundation Stage & Year 6 National Childhood Measuring Programme (NCMP)**. Further information will be emailed to parents at the beginning of January.

Please remember that each Friday we finish early at:-

Reception 1pm	Years 5, 3, & 1 1.10pm	Year 6, 4 & 2 1.20pm
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***Andrew Markham and the school team wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year***



PHE Guidance

For more information, please see the guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)

Having been identified as a close contact, if your child then develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. The 10-day isolation period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas, and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period. If that is not possible, anyone with symptoms should try and stay as far away as possible from vulnerable members of your household.

For more information, please read PHE's 'Stay at Home' guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

PALS:

It's been a busy week for PALS! All raffle winners have now been contacted and prizes are on their way to you. Congratulations to everyone who won a prize, and to everyone who entered. We also had Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, money has been counted with £330 on its way to Save the Children, and a matching amount going to PALS. It was great to see everyone looking so festive! Finally, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and health and happiness in the new year. From everyone in the PALS team.



In absence of a school Christmas fayre PALS have set up a **virtual winter market** running through November to January.

Please join our group on Facebook (Parents at Ladygrove School Virtual Winter Market) and look at what all the lovely stall holders have to sell. You may recognise some stalls and businesses from past school events and from our school community.

If you have a craft business and you want to be part of this, please get in touch.



Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2016** and **31 August 2017**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2021**.

Apply online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



For help and information:

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Email: **admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

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