



MESSAGE FROM MRS LAVELLE

Friday 18th December 2020

As promised, here is part two of our Christmas newsletter after a challenging week for our school community. As we come to the end of term, I would like to share some of the additional Christmas activities that have taken place and further information and news. **Please note the advice given at the end of the newsletter about informing school of any positive Covid 19 tests results after school closes today.**

Following my letter to you all last night, we have had further messages of support and positive comments from parents/carers today and they mean a great deal to us all. We very much value the positive relationship and partnership working with our families and this has supported us greatly this year. I know you will join me in thanking our staff team for their tireless work, this term particularly, to keep our children safe, help them catch up and progress academically and enjoy their learning in a happy environment.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and peaceful holiday period. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January to start a new year.

Mrs Lavelle

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th January: Staff training day
Tuesday 5th January: Children return to school
Friday 12th February: End of half term

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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES



Despite the challenges of this year, we were delighted to still perform a Christmas Nativity Play with our younger children within their individual class bubbles. Classes in KS2 have also created their own individual Christmas performances to be shared with parents/carers - I have had a pre-view of some of these and they are excellent! You will be receiving these videos via Class Dojo at the end of this week and I'm sure you will really enjoy watching these during the Christmas holidays.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

At the time of writing this newsletter, all of our Christmas parties have been able to go ahead, with Reception and Year 6 party days planned for Friday. Children have enjoyed these within their class bubbles and they have been a lovely end to the term.



FESTIVE FUN RUN



This took place on Thursday this week for our classes in school. The weather was very kind to us and it was great to have classes out in the fresh air, one at a time to enjoy a festive run, jog or walk accompanied by Christmas music. Some very festive outfits too! Part 2 of our run will take place in January for those children who have not been able to take part this week.

We will send information about dates and organisation of this to you when we return to school. We have some great raffle prizes, donated by members of our school community and will do separate raffle draws for each race.



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FAREWELL TO MRS HECKELS

As you know, Mrs Heckels retires at the end of this week following 29 years of working within Ouston Infant and Primary schools. Having worked initially as a Lunchtime Supervisor and Classroom Assistant at the Infant School she then worked in the School Office at both the Infant School and the Primary School, a job which covers a very wide range of areas! We would like to thank Mrs Heckels for her help and support to children, parents/carers and staff during her time at both schools. I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her retirement.

We have appointed a new Office Administrator, Mrs Gill, who will start her new role in January and we are very happy to welcome her to our staff team.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD



Please see the letter attached which gives more information about a task children and families may wish to do during the Christmas holidays.

REPORTING SYMPTOMS DURING HOLIDAYS

****Reporting symptoms after the school closes for Christmas Holidays****

Our school will close on December 18th. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus you must book a test.

If your child develops symptoms up to and including December 20th which result in a positive test up to 24th December, you must inform the school by ringing 4102599 on Monday 21st/Tuesday 22nd between 9am and 3.30pm or by email info@oustonprimary.org.uk at any time. Emails will be checked by me, Mrs Wise or Mrs Tyrrell daily at 10am.

Please include the name of your child, their class/year group and the date that their symptoms started, as well as your own contact details.

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From Monday 21st December

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Monday 21st December onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace. You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur after this date.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

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