

DRAYTON COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

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'Learning, Caring & Growing Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share lots of information with you about these last few weeks of term. As the weather grows wetter and colder I would like to thank you for your continued support of the One-way system designed to ensure social distancing can be maintained. Now that the lock down has ended we can continue with sourcing some kind of matting to put on the field as a path. Please bear with us as we endeavour to finalise these plans.

Please can I remind you that only **1 adult** is allowed onsite to drop off or collect a child. I know how tempting it can be to bring a family friend or a grandparent but this can increase the risks for us all.

Covid 19

Thank you so much for your support over the last weeks, which have seen us having to deal with some confirmed cases in school. Having to close bubbles and tell staff and children to isolate is a heavy responsibility which the current circumstances have forced on head teachers across the country. None of us do it lightly because we know how important school is and we know the pressures that isolating puts on families. I know that many of you are looking at the last week of term, which is usually magical in our schools and are worried about receiving one of those letters saying that your child has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

The thought of isolating or being ill over Christmas would be a sad end to a sad year. It's a very difficult moment for all of us. I would like to take this opportunity to say that as a staff, we do understand because we are going through the same thing. We will be continuing to do everything we can to make school as safe as possible.

A huge thank you to Ashfords

Yet again for another wonderful year Ashfords our grounds maintenance team have been generous in supplying both Drayton and Nightingale Infants with a beautiful Christmas tree. The children's' faces when they came into the darkened hall at lunchtime yesterday and saw the lights twinkling was magical.



Key Stage 1 SATS

We have been informed that the Key Stage 1 (Year 2) Grammar, Reading, Maths, Punctuation and Spelling test have been removed for this academic year. Instead judgements will be made by teachers only. If you want to find out more about this go to: [Schoolsweek.co.uk](https://www.schoolsweek.co.uk)

Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash

Our Christmas jumper day is on Friday 11th December. I cannot wait to see the exciting and spectacular jumpers your children will be wearing.

We are also taking part in the Fun National Santa Dash. It would be great if as many children as possible could be wearing a Santa hat. We are hoping that the children and staff will enjoy running/jogging/walking around the school field. Please ensure that your child is sent to school in joggers and appropriate footwear for PE with a warm coat.

Brunch with Santa

This year Santa is joining the children for brunch on the last day of term. I am hoping that there will be enough room on the roof for his reindeer again!

(More details to follow)

Dates for your diary

Christmas Lunch	Thursday 17 th December 2020
Brunch with Santa	Friday 18 th December 2020
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 18 th December 2020
First day of Spring Term	Monday 4 th January 2021

Kind regards,

Karen Winter
Partnership Headteacher