

Dear Parents / Carers

Unfortunately COVID restrictions are going to affect planned events over the coming weeks. Whole school events are not going to be possible along with the planned traditional Christmas events. We are continually trying to adapt and organise events to give the children the best possible experiences whilst keeping everyone safe. We do appreciate your support at this time and understanding of the complexities involved.

Please find below some dates for the remainder of the Autumn term:

Tuesday 16th November	Flu vaccinations	Flu vaccinations will be administered by the school nursing team to those children whose parents have given consent
Wednesday 17th November	Birthday Party	Assembly - to open our birthday cards, sing happy birthday and have some special birthday party cake. Children to come to school dressed in their party clothes and bring their own small party tea on a plate to eat in the afternoon. The children will play party games during the day and have some of our special birthday cake
Thursday 18th November	School 100 years ago	Children will spend the day experiencing what school was like 100 years ago. Children to come dressed in their school uniform. <i>School uniform typical of 1921 can be worn but not essential e.g. waistcoat / pinafore / hat / cap etc</i>
Wednesday 17th November Thursday 18th November Wednesday 24th November	Parents' Evening	Parents will be offered a choice of 2 dates for parents' evening via School Cloud. The meeting will be held via video call. Information on how to book a session will be sent tomorrow.
Friday 19th November	PD Day	School closed to pupils
Friday 26th November	Non-uniform	Donations for Christmas hampers / Elfridges
w/c 6th December	Y6 Bikeability	Y6 to have bikeability training
Friday 10th December	Elfridges	Children have the opportunity to shop in Elfridges for a gift and have it wrapped with our very own elves!
w/c 13th December	Christmas Parties	Children to come dressed in party clothes and bring their own party plate. Specific dates for classes to be shared nearer the date in case of bubbles.
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Children to wear a Christmas jumper with donations to St Cuthbert's Hospice

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We plan to hold additional activities and dates will be shared as the term progresses and COVID restrictions allow.

One way system:

Following Friday's email I would just like to clarify the need for a one way system at pick up time:

We feel the system is not currently necessary on a morning as there is not a lot of congestion however on an evening it is very different. Most people use the York Terrace exit which is narrow. If we have parents coming in and out of that gate between 2:55pm and 3:20pm it will not allow for social distancing. Similarly the area outside the quad becomes particularly congested so we are asking all children to leave via the EYFS doors so parents can stand socially distant on the main yard and then have a clear exit from the site. The control is in place to keep the school community as safe as possible and help to minimise transmission.

I am aware of one or two families where the one way system is tricky due to mobility and we are very happy to make alternative arrangements. Please contact the office if this applies.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. B. ...".