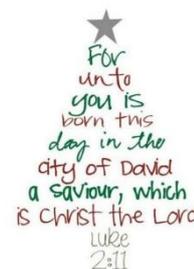


Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Autumn Term 2020-2021



Newsletter 14

17th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

We have finally reached the end of the term. I know the whole school deserves time for rest and relaxation and I hope you all have a good holiday, however restricted we are likely to be.

Christmas has certainly been different at school this year, but I am sure the children have still had a lot of fun. I am very grateful to the catering team for managing to box up hundreds of **Christmas lunches** which the majority of children had in their classrooms.

Mrs Edwards, our music teacher, has done a great job putting together a **Christmas musical video** from the children from Years 1-6. Due to the size of the video this will now have to be on Youtube but it will still be password protected. Access to the link will be from the school website under the Home Learning tab under the Whole School blog section. A password will then be emailed to all parents when the video is available for viewing.

The **Santa Dash**, organized by Mr Donovan, was also a great event, despite the children having to dodge puddles on the playground! Some of the older children also managed to have a carol singing session outside.

The children in each class have also created **window star displays** so children from other classes can go around the school and enjoy what the other classes have created.

Year 5 made some **candle decorations** with some really positive messages and these are being distributed in the local community. Just this morning, Year 5 received this email:

Good morning I woke this morning feeling tired and a bit low ..I opened my door and found someone from your school year 5 had placed a tiny card and a candle on my doorstep which has really made my day .I'm not sure what I did to deserve it but I really appreciated it very much ..so thankyou year 5 I hope you all have a beautiful Christmas too ..thankyou

The Year 3 teachers have made a short recording of the children with the **Christingles** they made this week. Information about a password protected link will be sent home to parents / carers.

The Year 3 children have had their final session today in the sunshine with the Chance to Shine cricket coach. They have had a fantastic time!

Please also find attached a leaflet from **Cringleford Hub** with information about Christmas events taking place in the local community. I would like to thank Cringleford Hub for the 'Hope' booklets sent out earlier this week.

This is **Mrs Barker's last day** in school. She has done an amazing job as SENDCO and deputy headteacher and the whole school community wishes her a happy and fulfilling retirement. During the school's final Celebration assembly on Zoom some of the children were able to pass on their thanks to her for all the work she has done over the last 26 years. Well done to Amabel, Joshua, Ryan, Esme and Mia for their kind words. Mrs Barker kindly donated some lovely books for the school library.

Internet safety

Thinkuknow is an organisation which promotes online safety. I have copied below some useful information which was recently sent through to the school.

Being social online this December: a parent's guide

Access to new tech over the winter period can provide new opportunities for children and young people but also present risks.

Our guide for parents looks at how they can support their child to be safer online this season by focusing on 3 key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending.

Please click on this link for access to the guide : [Access the guide](#)

PSHE / RSE policies

An earlier letter was sent out about the school's new PSHE and RSE policies, curriculum and resources. Miss Woodrow has put together a series of slides which give some examples of activities covered in classes and the range of resources we would use.

Please click on the link to view the materials or remember to refer to this section of the website if you want to know more about what is taught in different year groups.

Link for PHSE & RSE Slides : [PHSE & RSE Slides](#)

Household meal kits

There are a number schemes to help families who might be struggling as a result of the pandemic. The link below is one which provides household meal kits in Norfolk.

Link : [The Pink Orange is part of Access Community Trust](#)

Norfolk Assistance Scheme Digital Equipment

The following message was sent by the Norfolk Assistance Scheme:

Reconditioned laptops, access to wifi, broadband dongles are just some of the items being distributed to deprived families unable to access the internet during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Having access to digital resources at home could make the difference when home learning, applying for jobs as well as helping to reduce isolation and connecting with friends and family.

Who is eligible?

- Any vulnerable young person who does not currently have access to digital devices at home
- Families claiming universal credit, who are on a low wage or who may recently have been furloughed

Contact Norfolk Assistance Scheme direct to apply today:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/nas or by telephone : 0344 800 8020

Rapid testing

The DfE has informed schools of the plan to introduce rapid testing for schools in the new year. With Norfolk being in Tier 2, the priority will be for high schools in Tier 3, but it is encouraging to know that plans are being put in place for this to happen.

Community Covid officers

Last week you might have noticed some people with high-vis jackets around the school at drop off time. These were Community Covid officers who help local communities with issues relating to the current situation. I am sure you might see them around next term as well. Do feel free to ask them any questions you might have. Their role is to support local communities.

You're not alone this Christmas: Mental Health Campaign

A new mental health campaign, Not Alone, has been launched to help people who will find this Christmas particularly difficult to deal with. Norfolk County Council, the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, local mental health charity, Norfolk and Waveney Mind, and the County's NHS Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are working in partnership with the support of Archant to encourage people to reach out to those who may be struggling.

Christmas is often a difficult time of year for people and, with measures in place to prevent the spread of coronavirus, we may not be able to do the things we normally do and to be with friends and family, especially if they are vulnerable and feel they need to be alone to be safe, this year. The campaign offers support and advice, via an e-card. This digital card can be sent to people who may be struggling, to show that they are being thought of and to signpost them to a range of services that can give them some extra help and support. A paper version of the card will also be free in next Friday's edition of the EDP and Evening News. To send the e-card to someone, please click the link below:

Link : [not alone this Christmas e-card](#)

One of the available services is the NHS Wellbeing Service, which offers a range of talking therapies, employment support, peer support and social activities by telephone, video call, instant messaging and webinar. The service is for anyone experiencing common mental health and emotional issues, such as low mood, depression or stress.

People can self-refer by visiting www.wellbeingnands.co.uk or by calling: 0300 123 1503.

Monitoring reports of positive COVID-19 cases over the Christmas break

The DfE has written to all schools to ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (up to the evening of Saturday 19th December)**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

We have created a new email address for the holiday period for contacting the school about any positive case results.

We will be monitoring our COVID e-mail address from **Friday 18th December through to Wednesday 23rd December**. The e-mail account will be checked at **11:00 and 17:00** each day.

The e-mail address is: covidpositive@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk

If a positive case is notified to us through the e-mail address, we will inform parents / carers as appropriate, following guidance by Public Health England. You will **only** receive notification of a positive case if your child has been in close contact with the positive case. We will **not** be sending out any e-mails to the whole school.

The Local Authority has asked us to relay to parents / carers the importance of letting the school know of any positive cases as soon as possible and that those needing a test should make use of drive through testing to avoid delays through mail delivery of home testing kits.

School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a school's last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing requests beyond Wednesday 23 December.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

Thank you all for your continued support for the school over the course of the term. I hope you all have a peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing all the children back on January 4th.

Yours sincerely,

N. Henery

Headteacher

