



Christchurch Infant School

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Important Updates Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

We very much look forward to the various curriculum and Christmas events coming up before the end of half term.

It has been great to start being able to welcome parents into school as you are such a valuable part of the school community.

Covid-19 infection rates are climbing in the Christchurch area and we have to be prepared for possible changes to audience options and logistics, as we approach the date of Christmas festivities.

Public Health guidance continually changes and we recognise the stresses and challenges this can cause.

Public Health have advised that children can still perform their plays, but we are under constant review in regards to public gatherings.

As it stands, these are the current festivities planned:

Wednesday 8 th December - Afternoon	Foxes Class and Squirrels Class Christmas productions at 2pm
Thursday 9 th December - Afternoon	Hedgehogs Class and Rabbits Class Christmas productions at 2pm
Monday 13 th December - Morning	Seahorses Class at 9:30am Starfish Class at 11am
Tuesday 14 th December - Morning	Dolphins Class at 9:30am Turtles Class at 11am
Wednesday 15 th December 5 – 6pm	Year 2 Christmas Carols in the playground with music from The Baptist Church Band

Please be prepared that plans could change with little notice based on BCP/Public Health updates. We will update you as soon as we have more information. We will advise you on any safety measures that we may need to implement.

Covid-19 Symptoms

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, please isolate and book a PCR test, even if you have already taken a test. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell.

A LFD test is not sufficient if your child has symptoms. A PCR must be undertaken as a priority.

Flu immunisations

We have been informed by the Dorset Health Team that flu immunisations will now be taking place in the new year.

New Governors

We are very pleased to welcome two newly appointed governors, Andrew Jenkins (co-opted) and Holly Munro (parent) to our school.

Staffing

We are looking for a casual Midday Supervisor for instances of staff absence. If you are interested in this position, please arrange to discuss this further with our School Business Manager, Mrs D Johnson via office@christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk

Maths Workshop for Parents

We will be hosting a very informative Maths workshop on Wednesday 2nd February 2022. More details will be released in the new year.

Party Day

On the last day of term, Friday 17th December, children are invited to wear Christmas themed clothes. Children are welcome to bring in a festive themed lunch and even add a small piece of tinsel to the lunchbox handle.

Healthy Little Ones Survey

BCP Council would like to hear parents' and carers' views on early years childcare providers and / or out of school childcare that they use. They would also like to hear of any difficulties you have encountered accessing provision that meets your requirements. This survey should only take a few minutes to complete and asks for your experience of using childcare, finding childcare and early years funded childcare. The survey [here](#) will close at midnight on 22 December 2021.

Happy HAF at Christmas

The holiday activities and food programme (HAF) provides FREE holiday activities (including a meal whilst at the activity) for school age children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. A range of fantastic opportunities are available this Christmas, including sports, arts and crafts, dance, movie making, mountain biking, movies, obstacle coursesand much more!

For details of everything that is available please visit the Family Information Directory: [HAF programme details on the Family Information Directory](#) and [List of providers offering Christmas HAF opportunities](#).

Bookings are to be made directly with providers, but if you require support finding activities please contact the Family Information Service on 01202 093131 or at familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Vehicle Anti-Idling

As part of our efforts to promote a cleaner environment and walking to school, we are liaising with the local authority to promote anti-idling in cars before drop-off and collection times. We are working closely with the Local Authority 'Bike it Plus Air Quality' Officer to encourage parents to switch off their engines outside school. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Kindest Regards

Mr Baxter

Kindest regards, Mr D Baxter