

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the school.

You may have heard on the National news yesterday that the Government have announced that schools have been advised to finish a day early this Christmas. This is partly due to staff having to be 'on call' during the Christmas break to support Test and Trace. We have decided not to do this as it would cause further stress to our families trying to arrange last minute childcare.

Therefore school will still close on Friday 18th December 2020.

Positive COVID cases over the Christmas break

For the first 6 days after school closes up to Thursday 24th December, if your child tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, then please notify school using the usual email address - **positivecovid@beestonprimary.org**

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, you do not need to inform school about their absence until the first day back on Tuesday 5th January.

As we near the end of another busy term, I wanted to update you on some of the lovely events happening in our school as we prepare the children for Christmas.

Christmas Decoration Morning

Our annual Christmas Decoration Morning at the start of Advent, was enjoyed by all of our pupils. Festive carols, plenty of glitter and lots of craft activities were shared and created by each class. The only thing missing were our lovely parents! I am sure next year will be different.

Check out all the festive pics on our Facebook page.

Christmas Carol Concert

This month, we have missed putting on our usual, fantastic Christmas performances for families.

Instead we are currently filming a socially distanced carol concert which will go live at the end of this term.

As Leeds Risk Assessment states that all singing should be conducted outdoors, we are currently struggling to find some decent weather to film it especially when we have bubbles closed.

We will continue to do our best during this challenging time and hope the end result will be 'showable' shortly.

We will send a text out to parents when it is ready for the website.

A virtual visit from Santa

Even a pandemic cannot keep Santa away!

The pupils were very excited this week when Santa visited school. As he is so busy, at this time of the year, and he wanted to make sure that everyone was safe; Santa attended Beeston virtually to chat to our lovely children. Please have a look at some of the photos on our Facebook page.

Christmas parties

Next week each class bubble will be able to celebrate with a Christmas party. Class teachers will be sending out additional information shortly.

I do hope you all have a special Christmas with your loved ones. Let's hope that 2021 will be a better year for us all!

Best wishes,
Mr Edensor
Headteacher

Diary Dates

As you are aware, there is currently limited community events happening in schools nationally, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Daily after school classes

Catch up classes and individual tutoring for targeted children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will end next Friday.

We are currently reviewing all pupils' data to target another set of children.

You will shortly receive a letter from Mrs Jackson if your child is eligible for additional tutoring next term.

Training Day

Our second training day this school year is Monday 4th January. This is when school is closed to children.

We welcome everyone

back to Beeston Primary School on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Christingle

We will end school on Friday with a Christingle virtual service for all the children, hosted by Reverend Pearson from our local church St. Marys.

Please don't forget to check out our school's Facebook page at Beeston Primary School Leeds and our school website for regular updates about COVID-19 and daily school life.