

CHARITY NEWS

Children in Need—The children had lots of fun dressing up and wearing spots on our special Pudsey charity day on 12th November. Thanks to your generosity we raised £282 for this very worthwhile charity.



Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who offered to fill a shoebox for this appeal. We sent 55 shoeboxes and here they are ready to be packed onto the van.



SCHOOL MEALS

The school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 8th December. If your child usually has a Deli option on that day but would like to swap to have a Christmas lunch, please email the school office by Friday 3rd December so that we can cater for all the children who would like Christmas lunch.



Governor Information

The closing date for applications for our parent governor vacancies is 12 noon on Friday 3rd December. So far we have had three nominations and therefore we will be holding an election with a view to appointing two parent governors before the end of term. Many thanks for those people who have expressed an interest and we look forward to welcoming our new governors to their first meeting in the new year.

Dogs in School

Please can I ask that if you need to bring your dog to school that you do not bring them onto the playgrounds and only tie them up to the railings away from the school gates, as we have had some very upset children who are frightened to walk through the gates with dogs close by.



November 2021

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy few weeks in school this month and it was lovely to be able to invite you into school for our parent-teacher meetings. I hope you found them useful. We are all looking forward to lots of exciting Christmas activities planned for the last couple of weeks of term before finishing for the Christmas break.

Best wishes

Mrs J. Hall

GREASBY INFANT SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DECEMBER

2nd	Year 2 to visit Greasby Junior School Pantomime
6th	Elf Run—please wear red and green
8th	Christmas Lunch
9th	Year 2 visit to Greasby Methodist Church
13th	Year 2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm
14th	Pre-School and F2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm
15th	Pre-School and F2 Christmas Concert 9.15am
15th	Year 1 Christmas Concert 1.30pm
16th	Christmas Party Day
17th	Christmas Jumper Day
17th	Out of the Box Theatre Company pm
20th— 3rd Jan	Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

4th	Staff Development Day—closed for children
5th	Children return to school
13th	Year 1 visit to Greasby Methodist Church

FEBRUARY

21st-25th	Half Term Break
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HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

COVID-19 Update

As I am sure you are all aware, on 27th November, the Prime Minister announced the introduction of temporary new measures as a result of the Omicron variant. These measures are precautionary while the variant is tracked and assessed. In school this means that we have reintroduced the wearing of face coverings for all staff and visitors in communal areas.

At this moment in time, bubbles do not need to be reintroduced and lunchtime procedures, assemblies etc can continue. However if cases increase in school the contingency plan outlines the reintroduction of measures to minimise the mixing between groups.

There are changes to the isolation requirements for confirmed and suspected cases of the Omicron variant and their contacts. All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. Close contacts will be identified by NHS Test and Trace. Schools are not expected to undertake contact tracing.

For cases of Covid-19 which are not the new Omicron variant, isolation rules remain unchanged. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19 (not Omicron variant) or a close contact as long as they have been fully vaccinated, are below the age of 18 years, are taking part in an approved vaccination trial or unable to vaccinated for medical reasons.

We ask the parents and children follow public health advice and not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or have been contacted and asked to self-isolate. We want to minimise the risk of passing on the virus to others in our school community.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Christmas Concerts—We are currently planning to continue with our Christmas concerts and invite parents to join us. However we will need to put some restrictions in place in order to minimise risk, as we did earlier this term for our Harvest Festival and Curriculum Afternoons. We ask that only one parent per family attends the performance and that they wear a face covering. We ask that you sanitise your hands on arrival and if possible take a LFT the day before. Obviously if you have any symptoms, please do not attend.

We need to have a record of visitors to school and therefore ask that you email the school office to confirm your attendance at the concert. If your child is in Foundation 2, we ask that where possible you attend on Tuesday 14th at 1.30 if your child is in Mrs Stocker's class and Wednesday 15th at 9.15 if your child is in Mrs Whelan and Miss Thurgood's class. Pre-School parents should attend on the day their child is in Pre-School. This way we will be able to accommodate one parent per family in a Covid-safe manner.

However if circumstances in school change and we experience a significant rise in cases, or if Wirral Public Health/DfE advice changes, we may need to withdraw parental invitations and put recordings of the performances on Tapestry instead. I hope that we do not have to do this as everyone is looking forward to being able to celebrate Christmas in school this year.

Recent School Activities



Greasby Pumpkin Scarecrow Festival—the children really enjoyed creating their very special Julia Donaldson themed scarecrows for the festival over half term. We hope that everyone who walked past school enjoyed seeing them and recognised the characters.



Rock Steady Music Club



The children who are attending the rock music sessions on a Thursday afternoons are thoroughly enjoying their activities.



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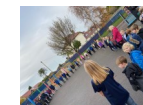
have



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talented



musicians and really love working
together and performing.



Remembrance Day—The whole school joined in with a two minute silence at 11 o'clock on 11th November to remember and honour those who have made sacrifices for our country.

