

Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents

Christmas Covid-19 – Important Reminders

If your child develops symptoms of covid-19 over Christmas, please ensure that you book a covid test. Should your child or any member of your household test positive for covid-19 over the Christmas holidays, please make sure that you email me at: emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk

Our Amazon Wishlist



Thank you so much to all the families who have donated books to the school via Amazon this week – it has been a real treat to unpack all the parcels! All donated books will be added straight to our school library and class libraries for the children to enjoy. The link to our Amazon book wishlist is: <https://amzn.eu/boriYd0>

Shepherd Primary School Blog

Don't forget to check our School Blog this week (www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org) where you'll find Blog entries from me, alongside class posts.



This Week...



Year 6 Ambassadors

This morning I had the pleasure of awarding golden ties to five new Year 6 Ambassadors. They have each received this special award in recognition of them being wonderful role models for younger children, having excellent behaviour and having a positive attitude towards their learning. Very many congratulations to:

- ❖ Alina
- ❖ Jayden
- ❖ Paige
- ❖ Raeesah
- ❖ Tom

FILMING ON MONDAY - Whole School Christmas Concert



The filming of our Christmas Concert went very well on Monday. We are now busy putting it all together! We will be sharing this with the children in class and it will also be posted on Google Classroom next week, for families to enjoy watching.

I would like to thank all the staff for helping to put together the concert, particularly Mrs Bryson for her creativity in planning the concert, Mr Vickers for putting the concert together, Mrs Anderson for filming all the children singing their class songs, and Mr Luts (Mrs Luts' husband) for professionally recording our whole school song. I really hope you all enjoy watching it!

Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see all the children and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers to school today! We have so far collected £148 for the NSPCC – we are aware that not everyone has managed to donate £1 to the NSPCC yet, so if you haven't already done so, School Gateway will remain open for another few days. Thank you.



Next Week...



Goodbye Mr Vickers

Next week we very sadly say goodbye to Mr Vickers. Mr Vickers has been teaching at Shepherd Primary School for almost 2 ½ years, since he was a newly qualified teacher. I have really valued having Mr Vickers as part of our staff team and we will miss him very much. Mr Vickers is hoping to pursue his dream of teaching abroad, but in the meantime is moving back up north closer to his family, to take up a teaching post there. We wish him the very best of luck.

Christmas!

We are so looking forward to next week and all the special events taking place:

Week Commencing 14th December Christmas Concert	Classes will watch our whole school filmed '12 days of Christmas' concert this week – we will also post the Concert on Google Classroom for all parents to enjoy watching at home!
Week Commencing 14th December Festive Fun Week	The final week of term will be our Festive Fun Week. We have planned a range of fun activities for the children to participate in, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making Christmas cards• Designing 2021 Calendars• Watching a Christmas film• Completing different festive craft activities• A class party• Festive Forest Schools activities• Christmas themed Activity Passport activities (from their Class Activity Passport)• Wellbeing activities• Christmas Bingo (provided by the PTA)
Monday 14th December, Tuesday 15th December, Thursday 17th December & Friday 18th December Christmas Lunch	 <p>This week we will be hosting our traditional Christmas Lunch for the children – accompanying this letter is a flyer from Herts Catering. In order to ensure that the children remain in their class bubbles, Christmas Lunch will be served to different classes each day – all the arrangements are on the table at the bottom of this letter. If your child would like Christmas Lunch, please make sure you book it on School Grid for the correct day. Any Christmas Lunches booked for the wrong day will be swapped to the cold lunch option.</p>
Monday 14th December Shooting Stars Circus Workshop - Rec, Y1 & Y2	Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will each visit the hall, one class at a time, to watch a circus show and learn some wonderful circus skills of their own! We look forward to seeing the children's new skills! www.shootingstarscircus.co.uk 

<p>Tuesday 15th December</p> <p>Magician - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6</p>		<p>Magician, Oliver B, will be visiting children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to deliver an exciting magical show. At the end, Oliver will teach the children a trick, so ask your children to share it with you when they get home from school!</p> <p>www.oliverbmagic.com</p>
<p>Thursday 17th December</p> <p>Mr Magic - Nursery</p>	<p>Children in Nursery will enjoy a magic show from Mr Magic, who has been visiting Shepherd Primary School to entertain our Early Years children, for many years. We hope this special show will be a lovely way to end the term for our Nursery children.</p>	
<p>Friday 18th December</p> <p>End of term</p>	<p>Term ends at 1.30pm</p>	

School Dinners

Please remember to book your child's Christmas lunch for the correct day:

MONDAY 14 th DECEMBER	TUESDAY 15 th DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 16 th DECEMBER	THURSDAY 17 th DECEMBER	FRIDAY 18 th DECEMBER
YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 6	YEAR 3	(none)	RECEPTION YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Roast Turkey, Chipolata Sausage & Roast Potatoes	Roast Turkey, Chipolata Sausage & Roast Potatoes		Roast Turkey, Chipolata Sausage & Roast Potatoes	Roast Turkey, Chipolata Sausage & Roast Potatoes
Vegetable Wellington & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Wellington & Roast Potatoes		Vegetable Wellington & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Wellington & Roast Potatoes

ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS				
Sausage Baguette	Italiano Chicken Roll	Roast Chicken Roll	Ham Wrap	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
		Cheese Roll		
Vegie Banger Roll	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Mayo Baguette
		Quorn Pattie in a Roll		

Christmas Cards



This year, due to covid-19, children will not be able to bring Christmas Cards into school to exchange with their friends and we will also be unable to run our usual Christmas Postbox. Instead, class teachers will be providing children with a lovely opportunity to wish each other a Merry Christmas – do ask your child about this over the next few weeks. Please make sure Christmas cards are not brought into school. Thank you.

General Information...

Reception Admissions 2021

Applications for Reception for 2021 have opened. Please apply online, at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions We are running tours for prospective parents – please call the school office to book an appointment.



Hertfordshire Constabulary Newsletter

Accompanying Friday Letter this week is a Newsletter from Hertfordshire Constabulary.



Celebration Assembly

Mrs Freuchen and I are really enjoying visiting each class to do Celebration Assemblies each Friday – as well as handing out Headteacher's Awards, we are also enjoying sharing in the children's out of school achievements. If your child does have a special achievement that they would like to share with me as part of our Celebration Assembly, please do email me at: emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of a young person or child you are able to make an anonymous referral through Hertfordshire County Council, by calling **0300 123 4043** and selecting option 1.

This will be the last Friday Letter of the year, but next week I will be sending a special letter of thanks.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 4th January 2021.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Foad
Headteacher