

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents

## Covid-19 – Important Reminders

*Please remember the following:*

- *the covid symptoms are - a temperature, a new persistent cough or a loss/change to your taste or smell*
- *if anyone in your household has any of the covid symptoms, then your whole household must self-isolate immediately*
- *you must book a covid test for the person that has covid symptoms (within 3 days of getting symptoms)*
- *you must all continue to self-isolate while you wait for the test results*
- *when you receive the test results please email these through to: [emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk](mailto:emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk)*
- *if the test result is negative, your child can return to school once they have been covid-symptom free for 48 hours*
- *if the test result is positive then you must continue to self-isolate*
- *you must not send your children to school if they, or anyone else in your household have any covid symptoms.*



## Shepherd Primary School Blog

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



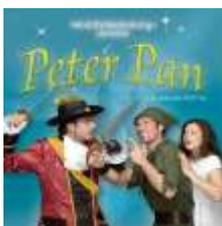
## This Week...



### **NEW Year 6 Ambassadors**

This morning I had the pleasure of awarding golden ties to our 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:

- ❖ Talia
- ❖ Noah
- ❖ Sara
- ❖ Mia
- ❖ Danyil



### **Panto Visit**

We all thoroughly enjoyed the panto performances of 'Peter Pan' this week! It was wonderful to see all the children so engaged in the performances. 'Outside the Box Productions' were absolutely fantastic and delivered 5 brilliant covid-friendly performances.



### 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>

## Next Week...

### FILMING ON MONDAY - Whole School Christmas Concert



Sadly we are unable to invite families into school to watch Christmas performances this year, so instead we have been working hard to prepare for our whole school '12 days of Christmas' Christmas Concert! Each class from Nursery through to Year 6 is busy learning a special Christmas song. We will be filming each class singing on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We would like all children to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, for filming – this should be worn alongside normal school uniform (black trousers/skirt etc).



### FRIDAY - Christmas Jumper Day

We would like to invite all children and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper (and mufti day clothes) to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, in exchange for a £1 donation to the NSPCC. Donations can either be made via School Gateway, or by bringing a cash donation into school on Friday morning.

### School Dinners

Please make sure that you order school dinners from the right set of hot or cold choices – if by mistake you order a hot meal in a week that your child is having cold school lunches, then your child will be given whatever cold lunch is spare.

Week commencing	Children in Reception & Years 1-3	Children in Years 4-6
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Cold school dinners	Hot or cold school dinners

Please also remember to book your child's Christmas lunch:

MONDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	TUESDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	THURSDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	FRIDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 Gifts to Staff

Parents and children will be able to bring gifts to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. These must be placed in the containers that will be at the entrance gates into school, where Mrs Norwood and I wait each morning to welcome you into school. The gifts will be quarantined for 3 days and Mrs Norwood will deliver them to staff on your behalf the following week.



## 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](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)



### 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](mailto: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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Foad  
Headteacher