



Selside
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Primary School

Christmas Newsletter 2020



WOW what a busy end to the Term. The Children have all had lots of fun! The children loved their Christmas lunch, showed off their Christmas jumpers and their best dance moves at the Christmas party. We enjoyed Reverend Trisha Zooming in for a Christingle Service. We had our own little Nativity service in church (We'll put on a proper play in the summer term when everyone can come and watch us- fingers crossed). We've also been putting together another little treat for parents- you'll have to keep watching the Facebook post!

Covid update

During the first days of the Christmas break schools are required to continue to support the NHS track and trace process. Schools are obliged to help identify close contacts of any confirmed COVID-19 cases for 6 days after the end of term, which takes us up to Christmas Eve. The DfE have sent the following information:-

- *Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, **the school should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*
- *For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.*

Therefore, if your child develops symptoms **before 1.30 on Sunday 20 December**, and subsequently has a positive COVID-19 test, then please contact the school by emailing us at head@selside.cumbria.sch.uk. Please include your contact phone number, the date of the positive test, and the date from which your child started to feel unwell.

I do hope that we will not need to contact anyone, but I am sure you understand the desire to limit the spread of the virus should we have to do so. Thank you for your continued support.

New Teaching Assistants

Over the last term Miss Bainbridge has been on a temporary contract to cover Miss Davies whilst on Maternity Leave. With Mrs Davies moving back down south, the post was advertised and we are happy to announce that we had a brilliant selection of applications for the TA position and we have made two new permanent appointments. For Class 1 Ashleigh Tinson has been appointed and for Class 2 Alison Lace will replace Sharon Wilkinson who was brought in through the Teaching Agency in October. We would like to thank Miss Bainbridge and Mrs Wilkinson for everything they have done for the school over the last few months and we wish them well in the future.

Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to both Sarah Parish & Danny Seddon-Roberts for their applications to be Parent Governors for the school and for their brilliant written statements. As per your parent letter yesterday, we can confirm Sarah Parish has been successful for another term at Selside School for Parent Governor.

January 2021

Just a reminder we are back to school on Tuesday the 5th of January for the new term. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Christingle – Children’s Society Fundraising Boxes

When the children brought home their fabulous Christingles last week, they will of also brought home a Children’s Society Candle Shaped fundraising box. If you wish to help raise funds for the Society, please can any money raised be back in school by Friday the 8th of January. Thank you.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and fabulous New Year.

With very best wishes

J. A. Lowther

June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

