

# **Christ Church School News**

# 11th December 2020

### **Presents with symptoms**

The annual Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day has been lots of fun today! The children (and staff!) looked amazing in their Christmas finery. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Just Giving page —we have raised £57 so far for a very worthy cause.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9am, there will be a National Christingle Service, streamed from the Church of England's website, Facebook and YouTube Channels. If you would like to join in, please register at <a href="The Children's Society">The Children's Society</a> | Attend the National Christingle

Class 3 will be back in school on Monday and therefore we will all be able to enjoy our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – another opportunity to wear your Christmas jumper!

A zoom showing of our Nativity, 'Straw and Order', will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm when the whole school will watch it for the first time, alongside our families. The zoom invite will be sent nearer the time. We will soon be providing details of our school Just Giving Page and would appreciate donations in lieu of the usual ticket charge. We know that some families may not be able to watch with us on the day and we will make arrangements for the Nativity to be viewed at a later time.

Finally, after 20 years committed and dedicated service to our school, Mrs Machin will be leaving us on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December to spend some well-deserved time at home with her family. I know that I speak for everyone in our school community as we pass on our grateful thanks and best wishes. Mrs Machin will be missed!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cooper and all at Christ Church School

## Covid-19 Update

A reminder that within our school community we have a number of vulnerable children and staff, therefore:

If any member of your household has Covid symptoms and / or is waiting for the results of a test, your child **MUST NOT** be in school. Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if you are waiting for the results of a test – your child may be asymptomatic and could still spread the virus.

Similarly, if your child is displaying ANY symptoms, please **DO NOT** send to school – stay at home and get a test. Please help to protect everyone in our school community.

A reminder that items from home, other than book bags etc, must not be brought into school. This also applies to 'potions and lotions'. Only those prescribed by a doctor may be brought to school and a form must be completed via the school office.

Thank you to parents and families for following the guidance regarding symptoms and testing. We know that it is a frustrating process but we appreciate your support in keeping school running as smoothly as possible.

During the first week of the Christmas holidays, parents should still continue to inform school via <a href="https://example.com/headteacher@christchurch.n-yorks.sch.uk">headteacher@christchurch.n-yorks.sch.uk</a> if their child receives a positive COVID test result.

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Pupil or staff member presents with	Individual sent home and advised to	If test is negative, individual returns to
COVID-19 symptoms.	follow the guidance which sets out that	school and households end self-
(a new, continuous cough or a high	they must self-isolate for at least 7	isolation.
temperature or a loss of taste / smell)	days and should <u>arrange to have a test</u>	
	to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-	If test is positive, move to 'confirmed
	19). Other members of their household	case' scenario below.
	(including any siblings) should self-	
	isolate for 14 days from when the	
	symptomatic person first had	
	symptoms	

### **Positive result**

#### STAGE 1

If someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal.

Other members of their household should continue selfisolating for the full 14 days

#### STAGE 2

Those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious

close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin) proximity contacts – extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

School will contact the local health protection team.