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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all of our Raeburn families are keeping safe and well in these current times. I can hardly believe I am writing a newsletter about the run up to Christmas already! This term is certainly flying by and our wonderful children have continued to work extremely hard and make us incredibly proud. Christmas is fast approaching and although the current situation is not enabling us to do all the usual festive activities in school, we are certainly still in the Christmas spirit here at Raeburn! We are planning on doing a Christmas video of the children to all of our parents, so we'll inform you nearer the time of when this will be shared.

News and Events

We have had a fun and busy half term. Our children have had many opportunities to learn and grow since September. We had a whole school 'Hello Yellow' day, continuing to raise the profile of positive mental health with our children. For harvest we were overwhelmed with your generosity. Thank you for your kind donations. The staff at Charles Thompson Mission were very grateful for these. Our Year 5 children have had Bikeability training this half term which has been extremely important with the darker evenings creeping in. On November 13th we raised over £250 for Children in Need. It was lovely to see all the children dressed up and wearing Pudsey ears! This week has been Anti-bullying week and Road safety week so we have been busy having assemblies on these in our class bubbles to raise awareness.

Internet Safety

As Christmas is approaching I am aware that many of our children will have more free time at home during the cold winter and some may even be given technological gifts from Father Christmas or family members. Please do take the time to familiarise yourself with online safety messages and tips so you are knowledgeable to online dangers that our children could be facing. Below are two links to sites which you may find useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Upcoming Events

Flu Vaccine

This will be all day on Tuesday 24th November.



Send a Smile

As this year has been so difficult for many people, we wanted to ensure that we are working as closely as possible in supporting our local community. Each class in school will be writing letters or drawing pictures with positive messages to people in our local area. For many people, they may be finding this time of year difficult, so we are hoping to 'send a smile' to all our local people by delivering these letters and pictures.

Whole school Christmas

This year our children will be creating a tribute to the Twelve days of Christmas. Each class will be singing verses in their bubbles and this will be filmed and shared with parents.

Last week of term

As a school, we want to make Christmas as special as possible this year. Therefore, during the last week of term, we are inviting all staff and children to take part in our Christmas Extravaganza! Each day of the final week will have a theme. Children can come into school with those items of clothing or dressed up etc to help get into the festive mood! The days will be:

Monday 14th-Festive socks day

Tuesday 15th- Tinsel day

Wednesday 16th- Christmas hats/ crazy hair/hair bands day

Thursday 17th- Party clothes day

Friday 18th- Pyjama/Onesie day

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 9th December is our festive lunch day. A separate letter will be sent to parents/ carers regarding this. This will be for F2 and KS1 only as well as our FSM children. This is because we are unable to accommodate more pupils in the hall at this present time. All F2/KS1 children will be making (in class) and wearing Christmas hats for lunch this day.

Friday 11th is also Christmas Jumper Day. Children can either wear a Christmas jumper or another festively bright jumper of their choice (please do not go to any expense). Children do not need to wear school uniform.

Panto

Unfortunately, our annual whole school panto has been cancelled this year due to Covid. However, we have booked a virtual pantomime of Cinderella which we will be showing in school on Wednesday 16th December in our class bubbles. Children in F2 and KS1 will receive a pack of sweets provided by school and children in KS2 can bring in a pack of sweets of their choice. This has been kindly funded by our wonderful PTA and is appreciated by all.

Open Classrooms

Due to the Covid restrictions, we are unable to hold an open classrooms event this term. Please continue to follow our twitter page where each class uploads pictures of what is happening in our class bubbles.

Christmas Post Box

This year, children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards for the class bubbles only. There will be a box in each classroom where all cards will be collected by the Friday of each week. These cards will then be left over the weekend and given out on the Monday. Christmas post will begin on Monday 30th November.

Class Parties

Thursday 17th December is our annual class Christmas party afternoon. We have been very fortunate again this year as we have managed to secure a visit to Raeburn for F2 and KS1 from Father Christmas, and we know how busy he is at this time of the year, so we are delighted that he has time to visit the school. However, due to current restrictions, Father Christmas will be leaving presents at the school office and class teachers will give them out to their class bubbles. We may be lucky enough to receive a special online message from Santa himself!

All children are **able to come to school in their party clothes for the day**. Please remember they will be having break times on the yard so suitable footwear and clothing which will keep them warm outside will be required. As is tradition, the children will have some party food with their classes. Please can we ask parents to send in a small named box/plate of party food with a drink. **Please send food and a drink for your own child and please remember that the children will have had their lunch not long beforehand.**

Little Owls/Wrappers

Our children in Little Owls will be having the following events;

- Friday 11th December - Christmas jumper day
- Tuesday 15th December- Santa's zoom visit
- Thursday 17th December - Party day

Little Owls will close on Friday 18th December and open on Monday 4th January.

Raeburn Wrappers will be open from Monday 21st December until 4pm Thursday 24th December. Please email raeburnswrappers@raeburn.wirral.sch.uk to book a place or telephone 0151 327 8761.

Last Day

On Friday 18th December, the children would usually have an opportunity to bring in a game of their choice. However, this year, games will be provided as well as Christmas films so please do not send in games with your child.

It is really evident, that despite the challenges we have faced this term, school has remained a very busy place. The children have been fantastic with all of the changes in rules and routines and their learning has continued to flourish, with staff making teaching and learning as creative as possible.

Thank you to all parents and carers in our school community who have also supported Raeburn with all the changes made since September. It is very much appreciated.

Best Wishes

Mrs L Coll

Deputy Headteacher