



17 December 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

End of Term Newsletter - Christmas 2020

Thank you for your help and support during this most unusual autumn term. We are so relieved to have only had to close one class bubble and to have had such small numbers of infection within our school community. This is down to you, your amazing children and the hard working Glapton Team. Well done everybody!

Virtual Events

We hope you managed to get onto Class Dojo and enjoy our Christmas performances. KS2 shared the Christmas Story through readings and songs and both EYFS and KS1 performed their Christmas Nativities for you to enjoy.

Christmas Post

The Christmas Post worked really well and we thank you for your support. Quarantined cards were distributed this week and has worked so well we think it will be an annual event.

Letters to Santa

Santa tells me he was delighted to receive so many lovely letters from the Glapton children and has been busy writing back to them all. He has even promised to bring a little gift, which we will distribute today.

Wainman Trust

Our fantastic children have made boxes full of lovely Christmas Cards and special messages for the older people of the Clifton Community. Some have been in isolation for a long time and we hope a card from one of the children will bring a smile to someone's face this Christmas.

Christmas Dinner Day

A huge thankyou to Mrs Sulley and the catering team for the magnificent spread they put on for the children yesterday. Thank you to you all for supporting Christmas Jumper day and particularly those who sent in contributions to charity. The children looked amazing, had a wonderful feast and lots of fun. Thank you also to our great team of Midday Supervisors who have worked so hard this term with Classroom grab-bags, Bubble duties and all of the extra cleaning and sanitising involved every day.

Muddy Gates

We have been monitoring the entrance and exit at our Glapton Lane gates and have been in contact with our Neighbourhood Operations Manager for Clifton. He has been down to investigate our gate areas and agrees that the area is very muddy. He and school both agree that parents should line up along the public footpath to drop off/receive their children. It is parents' responsibility to ensure children do not run around on grassy or muddy areas. He has sent his street sweepers out to clear the leaves on the path and will regularly check the area. This means the paths are deemed a safe exit and entry route for the children. Staff will be talking to the children about expected behaviours on arrival and dismissal and asking them not to play on the mud. Please be patient at these gates. Teachers will dismiss your child to you as they see you lined up but this takes a little time to do safely.

Hands, Face, Space

With Christmas fast approaching, the Hands. Face. Space. Campaign continues to urge the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and help to control the virus. Please could you wash your hands when leaving home or work, wear a face covering when arriving at our school gates and keep socially distanced from other families. The vast majority of families are fantastic at

observing social distance guidelines and we strongly send the message that these measures really help your community. Thank you for your support. We do anticipate that this message will remain the same in January but will be in touch on 4 January with any changes or updates.

Office Closure - reporting a positive case in the Christmas holiday

The school and office closes at 4pm today Thursday 17 December. Calls or e-mails will then remain unanswered until Monday 4 January 2021 unless they are to report a positive case of Coronavirus from a pupil or staff member. In that event, please note the following instructions carefully:

- **Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) over the holidays, 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.**
- **Friday 18 December to Wednesday 23 December:** For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked by the Government to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- **Thursday 24 December onwards:** School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Glapton's last teaching day is Thursday 17 December, so there will be no pupil contact tracing beyond Wednesday 23 December.
- **To notify us of a positive COVID-19 test result during the 6 day window Friday 18 to Wednesday 23 December 2020, you must e-mail admin@glaptonacademy.co.uk immediately and provide the following details:**
 1. Full name of pupil/staff member
 2. Date symptoms started
 3. Date of positive test result
 4. Date last attended school
 5. Your mobile telephone number

This system is in place from Friday 18 December to Wednesday 23 December 2020 only.

Merry Christmas from Clifton Library and Clifton Parish

Please find attached information from Clifton Parish and Clifton Library with lots of festive and other activities happening throughout the holiday.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17 December 2020	Christmas Parties
Thursday 17 December 2020	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Friday 18 December 2020	INSET Day
Monday 4 January 2021	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 January 2021	School re-opens to pupils

Finally, we all wish you a very merry and joyful Christmas and particularly hope you can enjoy some relaxed and special time with your families. Stay safe and stay healthy!

Yours sincerely,



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