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NEWSLETTER

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Notes from the Headteacher's Study

Immersive learning



What a wonderful week to end 'a wonderful time of the year'. This week the children have continued with their curriculum but amongst the formal learning, we had: Christmas Dinner, ChristMATHS, Movie ERICs (Reading Tasks), Christmas Dinner, our Talent Show and then this morning a very special final morning together!

Before we met for our final Christmas 'Around the Christmas Tree', we were visited by a very special visitor. Father Christmas visited Northway! It was a really big surprise because only I had spoken to North Pole HQ to arrange a Covid-19 SAFE visit. Father Christmas spent a short time walking around school and speaking to each class Bubble. He really did make it a special time for our children – he kept safe so he could do 'his thing' on Christmas Eve and the children kept safe in their Bubble...but also got to listen, wave and 'Ho, Ho, Ho'. **We didn't want our children to miss out on anything this year.**

During our final Assembly, classes contributed a song or a dance and we heard a story read by several members of staff for the children. It was lovely coming together over Zoom, with Reception in the Hall 'live'. A really 'wonderful time of the year'.

I hope you really enjoy Northway Christmas on the DVD. Miss Daws took delivery at 10am this morning so they are literally hot off the press! I hope you have a great Christmas and are able to share more special memories together. This morning we spoke of Christmas being a time of love, peace and joy. So I wish you all a time of **love, peace and joy** as we look towards a brand new 2021.

Keep shining and see you on Monday 4th January 2021!

Mr Hargreaves
HEADTEACHER

After school breaks up for Christmas we all still have an important job to ensure that any contacts of a **confirmed case** are identified and given details of isolation. This will help to keep the virus under control and protect family members and friends over the Christmas period. We will continue to monitor our confidential@northway.liverpool.sch.uk email until **Sunday 20th December at 7pm** and ask parents to inform school up until that date if their child develops Covid-19 symptoms: **· new persistent cough / high temperature / loss of taste or smell**
· has tested positive themselves

Please do not delay in informing school. This will allow school to work with families to contact trace where necessary leading up to Christmas.

If your child develops symptoms or takes a test in which they are positive after Sunday, they do not need to inform school as the correct time has passed.

From Liverpool City Council



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City Council

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for your continued support in the fight against Coronavirus.

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Holiday socialising

Just because we can mix outside of our household over 5 days over Christmas – doesn't mean we should. We urge you consider just how much mixing you will need to do and how you can continue to reduce the risks, as some people such as the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions continue to be at much greater risk. Over Christmas we ask that you please:

- Stick to your bubbles
- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, stay in isolation.
- Avoid large gatherings
- Avoid unnecessary contact
- Open a window for ventilation
- Continue to wash your hands thoroughly and more often
- Continue with good respiratory hygiene: use a tissue and catch it, bin it kill it. Remember there are other infections doing the rounds over the winter period including influenza (flu). Please ensure you have your flu vaccination if you are in a vulnerable group.

Christmas advice (from .gov.) <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period> Please follow the local rules on where you can go and who you can meet, including on New Year's Eve when your Christmas bubble will no longer apply.

Children returning to school

To prevent the virus coming back into the school in the new school term **we urge all secondary school and college pupils take a Lateral Flow Test once you and they have finished your main Christmas socialising but before returning to school.** Asymptomatic testing is available to all school children.

There are still a number of test centres open over the Christmas Period and into the New Year. Full details can be found below:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/smarttesting>

We would like to thank you again and wish you a Merry Christmas and well-deserved restful break.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Ashton

Director of Public Health, Liverpool

Steve Reddy

Director of Children's Services, Liverpool City Council

Following this recommendation, all staff have been requested to take a Lateral Flow Test before returning on 4th January and it would be very good if all Northway families considered accessing a test too after 1st January and before the 4th January.

Thank you.

Free School Meals Vouchers:

Liverpool City Council **have** provided Free School Meals Vouchers for over the Christmas holiday. Parents have received their vouchers per entitled child from School. These were given out by the school office and parents signed for them. If you have not collected then, please ring the School Office or call in when you collect your child. Vouchers are for pupils already registered for 'Free School Meals' (not Universal Infant Free School Meals which every KS1 pupil is entitled to).

From Public Health England: Vitamin D

Please see statement from PHE and NICE below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vitamin-d-supplementation-during-winter-phe-and-nice-statement/statement-from-phe-and-nice-on-vitamin-d-supplementation-during-winter>

With many of us staying indoors it's important we're getting enough Vitamin D to help keep our bones and muscles healthy. Vitamin D is found in foods including eggs, red meat and oily fish but mainly comes from the sun. PHE advise that people not getting enough Vitamin D take a supplement of 10 micrograms (400IU) per day from October to March. For more information go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vitamins-and-minerals/vitamin-d/>

Lateral Flow Testing update:

Lateral Flow Tests (the 20 minute result tests) are still available in Liverpool. There are currently 5 permanent sites and many other 'pop up' Testing Stations.

How to find your nearest test centre:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/how-to-get-tested/symptom-free-testing/>



HM Government

TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

Liverpool City Region moves into Tier 2

NHS

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	RETAIL Open.	WORK AND BUSINESS Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	INDOOR LEISURE Open.	ACCOMMODATION Open.	PERSONAL CARE Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS Permitted with household or support bubble.	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.	ENTERTAINMENT Open.	PLACES OF WORSHIP Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	EXERCISE Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	RESIDENTIAL CARE COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/night visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	LARGE EVENTS Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower).

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature + A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

HANDS FACE SPACE

'Together we can achieve anything'
 All learners, all valued, all achieving, all the time
 Together involves everyone...which makes it all the more exciting!