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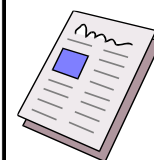
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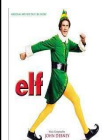
CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS AND EVENTS

Its coming up to that time of year again
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We are not quite there yet, but there are a few
things to share that are happening in school.



December 1st the Christmas trees and decorations will have
gone up and Christmas Jumpers will have been worn



**Thursday 7th December many of ks3 will be
heading to the cinema for a private screening of 'ELF'**

On the final week—Monday 18th December some students will
be attending the local Church Christmas service.

Tuesday 19th December—School will be holding a 'Winter
Wonderland' Theme day in school.

And on the last day of the term Friday 22nd December will be
Christmas Dinner Day.



Then holidays; with students returning
MONDAY 8th January 2024.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The new term will see some staff changes:

- ♦ **Mr Gillies, Mr Newsham and Mrs Emmerton are reducing their days and responsibilities will change.**
- ♦ **Mrs O' Rourke has already started her maternity leave**
- ♦ **We will welcome new teachers, Mrs Tolan and Ms Kellor in January AND Mr Ritchie from Easter.**
- ♦ **Congratulations to Mrs Spooner who was successful in gaining a teaching position in school after previously working as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.**
- ♦ **Congratulations to Mr Cockerill, who has been successful at gaining a Deputy Headteacher position at Applebee School, starting after Easter.**

Attendance is becoming a high priority and hot topic both locally and nationally.

There has been a lot of emphasis placed upon good attendance and new materials and guidance has been published, especially for requests for Leave during school time, if you need to know more please refer to Attendance policy and Leave of Absence guidance on the school website.

E-Cigarettes and Vaping

Is a growing and worrying trend amongst young people. There is new guidance with regard to this and schools are being asked to follow up with new policies.

Further information will be shared as this is developed, however in summary:

- ♦ **It is illegal to smoke, vape or use any form of e-cigarette in any council owned buildings or on the premises and this includes schools.**
- ♦ **Any student (irrespective of age) caught with any of the above will have them confiscated and the items will be disposed of.**
- ♦ **Parents will be informed and sanctions will be put in place.**

Hand Hygiene advice from the North West Health Protection Team

Anyone who has symptoms of diarrhoea or Vomiting should be reminded:-

- ♦ Make sure you wash and dry your hands often and thoroughly, with soap and warm water. Good hand hygiene - whether you have symptoms of diarrhoea or not - is important to reduce your risk of catching it – and other viruses around in the winter.
- ♦ Don't rely on alcohol hand gels alone, handwashing is very important.
- ♦ Be especially careful to wash your hands after using the toilet or before touching food.
- ♦ Wash hands thoroughly with liquid soap and running water (not hand sanitiser) after using the toilet or helping others including changing nappies; handling raw meat; before meals; and after contact with animals. Adults who have false nails should pay particular attention to cleaning these thoroughly. Young children should be supervised to thoroughly wash their hands after using the toilet.
- ♦ Clean hard surfaces including toilet bowls, flush handles, taps and hand basins regularly with hot soapy water followed by a disinfectant/sanitiser
- ♦ Ensure soap dispensers are fully stocked in public toilets.
- ♦ It is very important that children or adults with symptoms of diarrhoea should stay off from work and childcare settings for 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped. They should also not visit vulnerable family or friends, especially people in hospitals or care homes. This is important to minimise any possible spread on infection to others.