



# Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week ending  
12<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2021

Dear Parents

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## Christmas Plans

As my Christmas countdown calendar informed me this morning – it's only 43 days to Christmas! It is one of my favourite times of the year and times in school. The excitement and anticipation that the season brings can be felt across the school and whilst November is a little early for some to begin talking about it, I would like to let you know about a couple of things.

Sadly, the FoLPS committee have taken the very difficult decision to cancel the **Christmas Fair** this year. As a school we support this decision and have discussed it at length with the members. Huge numbers attend the event and we cannot risk families and members of staff attending and becoming unwell as a consequence. Christmas was so different for families last year and we want to do what we can to ensure the school community can spend time with their loved ones this year. The committee will communicate their decision in more detail but I do hope you will support them fully and understand how difficult it was to make such a decision.

We are however looking to coming together as a school family, outdoors. **On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, you are invited to join us for the lighting of the Christmas Tree.** At 4.45pm we welcome families to join us for an hour, outside on the playground and field and enjoy singing carols together. FoLPS will be serving mulled wine and hot drinks at this event. We will be asking families to bring a lantern or something similar to help with the festive feel and also to help light the way! If any parents have some commercial style outdoor lighting we could borrow, we would be grateful if you could get in touch. We will let you know more in the next week or so.

**Christmas lunch for the children will be on 15<sup>th</sup> December this year.** Further details to follow. Children are welcome to wear non uniform and their Christmas Jumpers on this day.

**The Christmas Post Box will be available in school for children to post cards to their friends from 1<sup>st</sup> December.** When children are writing their cards, please ensure that the recipient's name and class are clearly written on the envelope.

**The Year 1 Nativity** will take place in the school hall. We are working hard to ensure that parents of Year 1 can be invited into school and although we will need to include additional measures for this

indoor event, such as seating arrangements and hand sanitising etc., I know that you will support us so that this special event can happen.

### **FoLPS Reminders**

Please don't forget Bag to School on 19<sup>th</sup> November

The Christmas Card discount code ends on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

All information has been sent out previously so please check emails for further information.

### **Open Hearts Week**

Next week will be Open Hearts Week in school. During the week we will be thinking about Kindness – being kind to each other and being kind to ourselves. The children will have lessons each day that will focus on:

- Generosity
- Self-kindness
- Friendship

In addition, we will be relaunching our Preventing and Tackling Bullying Charter to ensure that everyone feels happy and safe in school.

We hope you enjoy hearing about the activities the children have been doing in school.

### **School Improvement and Curriculum Evening for Parents**

Our School Improvement Key Priority this year is to further develop our curriculum. In March 2020, our curriculum was identified as an area of excellence during our Challenge Partner review and details of the review can be found here; <https://www.leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Leckhampton-C-of-E-Primary-School-2020-1.pdf>

Despite this, we want to make further changes to ensure that we clearly map out and identify not only the substantive knowledge children need in the National Curriculum Subjects studied but also the disciplinary knowledge. This helps children to think like a geographer or a scientist as well as developing their knowledge and understanding of key concepts. In order to do this, staff have dedicated subject leadership time out of the classroom. By having a block of time, this enables subject leaders to really drill down into the detail. This will continue until we break for Christmas and therefore staff will be released from the classroom to undertake this very important piece of work.

We can't wait to share our changes with you and should like to invite you to our virtual curriculum meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. The link is below.

Topic: Curriculum - Parents Virtual Meeting

Time: Dec 7, 2021 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/86974763413?pwd=b2xLWEloTHVrdXBKcDY4aTZMSitzQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 7476 3413

Passcode: 327506

### **COVID – 19 Measures**

We have received further advice from the Local Authority in relation to the protective measures we introduced two weeks ago. These have now been reviewed by the regional group which includes the South West Directors of Public Health, UK Health Security Agency and Regional Schools Commissioner. Although rates have started to decline in Gloucestershire, they remain high, with current rates above both regional and national averages. The regional group are therefore recommending that measures in schools are maintained at least until the end of November.

This means that we will continue with the measures outlined in the letter to parents dated 29<sup>th</sup> October (a copy has been included for reference) until the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November where we hope to receive updated advice and guidance. Once again we will advise you on any changes as soon as we receive further information. The Local Authority have issued a poster to share with parents which is attached.

The school supply of spare pants, socks and tights has become rather depleted in recent weeks. If your child has made use of any of these items, please would you return them to school to replenish our supplies.

In addition, if you have any pairs of pants, socks or tights which your child has outgrown, we would be very pleased to receive them! We`re particularly short of items suitable for boys aged 4-7.

Many thanks

Sue Taylor

Best wishes

Sam Porter