



# Linby & Papplewick Primary School

December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## COVID UPDATE

We are really pleased to share that we have not had any new cases of Covid in school for 9 days. We are also delighted that whilst a good number of our school community have had Covid they have made a good recovery and everyone is safe.

In collaboration with Public Health we are pleased we are able to step down the additional enhanced control measures and advise that we are no longer operating in 'Bubbles' in school. As a result you can resume normal pick up and drop off arrangements (there is no need for the One Way system).

We continue to provide good ventilation in the classrooms. To improve ventilation we have windows open (heating is on). **Please could you make sure your children have extra layers of clothing** to help them to keep warm (vests/school cardigans/school sweatshirts/coats etc.).

## CAROL SERVICE

We can confirm the intention is to have a Carol Service at St. Michael's Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 9.15am – 10.00am. You are invited to come along but would ask that you do a lateral flow test beforehand and also bring a mask. There will be hand gel on entry to the church. We will need volunteers to accompany children to the church and back.

Please would you email the school office [office@linby.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@linby.notts.sch.uk) if you are intending to come along with numbers as we need to ensure we are not overcrowded in the church. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Also indicate if you are happy to walk with the children to and from church.

## KS1 NATIVITY

As previously advised the Nativity is being filmed. The decision to do this was taken because of the high levels of staff absence during the Covid outbreak has meant it is not possible for us to have the children ready to stage a performance.

However they will be ready to be filmed as this requires less preparation and time as we can prompt/refilm etc. We are really sorry if this is a disappointment to some but we are working our hardest to have a special Christmas time for our school community. Filming the Nativity will mean more people can watch it, it can be watched more than once and the children can watch themselves.

### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Christmas Jumper Day is this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Children should bring in their £1 donation into class and the teacher will collect it. All proceeds go to Save the Children Charity.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER – FLAPPS**

The deadline for donations is this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to those who have already signed up to provide items for the hamper. There are several items requested from the list outside the staff room, still to fill: Luxury soup, luxury jam, luxury chutney, luxury Christmas cake, tin of salmon, stuffing, apple sauce, Bottle of Shloer Grape, Rose and a Bottle of Prosecco, Gingerbread biscuits and a box of Celebrations.

If you prefer to email the school office for any of the items above, we can sign you up.

### **'ENGAGE' COLLECTION THIS FRIDAY**

The Fire Service will once again be visiting schools to collect any donations you can give to the Hucknall Food Bank. In addition to this the Fire Service aim to deliver selection boxes to Nottinghamshire Children's wards for the festive season. **A guide to items is listed below to be brought into school first thing on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

Tins of meat, spam, corn beef, tinned vegetables, tinned fish  
Christmas cake, mince pies  
Shower gel, toothpaste, washing up liquid, deodorant  
Tea, Coffee, sugar, hot chocolate  
Jars of sauces, pasta, rice, stuffing, gravy mix  
Chocolates, selection boxes, sweets, crisps, nuts and biscuits.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Christmas lunch is now **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY AND NON UNIFORM DAY**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Santa will be visiting school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, where the children will get to meet Santa, receive a gift and have their photo taken. The cost of this is £3.00 per child. Some children may not want to meet Santa, but can still receive a gift. Please let us know. FLAPPS will also supplement the children's school dinner and packed lunch on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> with Party Food. This is for all children. Remember this is a non-uniform day, so dress up in your party clothes.

### **INSET DAY**

We break up on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and INSET Day is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. The children return back to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.