

“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

What a great week we've had: badminton tournaments, Christmas lunch, online author visit, baking and a Christmas Crafts afternoon! School has been a real hive of activity. Today's Christmas jumpers have been most impressive and we've seen some very interesting, unique designs! Make sure you read on to see who our festive jumper winners are. Pupils have been fantastic this afternoon making a wide range of cards and festive gifts for residents of Haydon View Care Home. We hope the well-wishes and messages of cheer let our elderly community know we are thinking of them at this time.

Next week also has a busy schedule with Christmas bubble parties taking place on Thursday 17th December. A letter containing all of the details has been sent out. Please remind your children that their Enrichment Homework is due in on Monday 14th.

Have a lovely, safe weekend!

Lindsay Hamilton

Christmas Couture!

Congratulations to our winners of the best, original, home-made festive jumper! It was a tough competition as there were many, many great designs to judge. Mr Ramshaw had a really difficult job (we didn't envy him)! However, after much deliberation, here are our final winners!



Well done to Kelsey (Y5); Lucy (Y6); Lily (Y7) and Amy (Y8).

Amy had actually managed to incorporate electricity into her design. Very impressive!

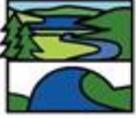


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Christmas Crafts!

We owe a huge ‘thank you’ to Mrs Basing, who kindly organised activities and resources for our Christmas Crafts afternoon. Classrooms were alive with music, singing and general festive cheer. There have been some lovely, heart-warming messages created which we hope will brighten someone’s day. Our crafts will be delivered to Haydon View Care Home where they will be quarantined before being given to the residents.





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COVID-19 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY UPDATE

Earlier this week, the Department for Education announced procedures which should be followed should a pupil or staff member test positive during the Christmas holidays. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact school.

If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours since being in school.



School **should not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

<https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk/>

Up until (and including) 24th December, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**.



Please inform school using the following email:

middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk

This email will be checked daily from 19th – 24th December between 8:00am and 10am. School will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. As our final teaching day is on Friday 18th December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Thursday 24th December.



Thank you!

Here is just a small selection of the generous donations we've received for the West Northumberland Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with this – we were overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Monday 14th December	Enrichment Homework due in
Tuesday 15th December	In-house treat (Enrichment Homework)
Thursday 17th December	Christmas ‘Bubble’ parties in school
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn term
Monday 4th January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th January	Autumn term begins for pupils