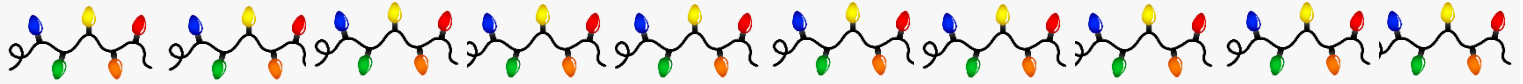


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Report a positive test
result if symptoms occur
within 48hrs of Friday 18th
December by email to:
covid@westdalejuniors.co.uk



End of Term Message from Mr Slater, Head of School.

Dear Parents/Carers,

School closes today for the Christmas break after a challenging autumn for all of us. Despite the difficulties we have all had to deal with, this term really has been overwhelmingly positive for the children in school. Attendance has been fantastic, attitudes to learning wonderful and there has been a purposeful and positive atmosphere within school. Clearly, we have been disappointed not to be able to host our usual events such as a carol concert and school Christmas production this year, but there has still been a festive feel to school this week. There are some photographs of this week's Christmas activities further in the bulletin, to give you a flavour of things.

You will, I am sure, have seen the news about the staggering of start dates for secondary students in January. At present, this does not affect primary schools and we intend to open to the children as planned on Monday January 4th 2021. Of course, if things change, we will keep you informed.

Last week you received information regarding contact tracing over the Christmas break. It is included again in this week's bulletin. Please do ensure you are aware of the procedure in the event of a positive test result for your child/ren.

Finally, as ever, thank you so much for your continued support. I am so proud of how, as a school community, we have all pulled together in these unprecedented times.

Best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mr Slater



Peter Pan Pantomime

On Monday all classes enjoyed a visit from Outside the Box Productions who performed Peter Pan for each year group. We were delighted to be able to go ahead with this event after careful planning and preparation to make it an exciting and safe experience.

All year groups thoroughly enjoyed this festive treat.

Oh no they didn't – Oh yes they did!





Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday our catering staff served a sumptuous Christmas Dinner including festive biscuits individually iced and decorated by our school chef Ms Moczarska. It was an amazing team effort to serve 155 Christmas dinners, from both the Aspens catering team and our midday staff and everyone enjoyed the festive fun. We hope you enjoy the mouth-watering gallery of what was on the menu that day!



Contact Tracing over the Christmas Holiday

Contacting the School about COVID-19 during the Christmas Holiday

We sincerely hope that all families have a healthy and COVID-19-free Christmas break. However, we recommend all parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the Christmas holidays:

- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school **should not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- Up to and including Thursday 24th December, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms on either Saturday 19th December or Sunday 20th December**, please report the case to school. Using the following email address:

covid@westdalejuniors.co.uk

Correspondence to this email address will be monitored daily. The school will assist Public Health England and the Department for Education in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE SCHOOL ANSWERING SERVICE OR USE THE OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

- The school has been instructed by the Department for Education that we do not need to conduct any contact tracing after Thursday 24th December.