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Dear Parents,

We have almost reached the end of term. Everyone has worked so hard in school to keep everyone safe, and without the support of you, our families, this would not have been possible- we thank you very much! We have been fortunate as we have only had to close one year group bubble. Thank you to the Year 3 parents and carers who supported their children throughout their period of isolation and sent back some super work.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and governors, who have worked tirelessly this term to ensure that school life is as normal, and as safe, as possible for our pupils

### Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance



We really missed putting on our usual Christmas Performances this year and welcoming you into school to watch your children perform. However, staff were determined that the children would have the opportunity to participate in a Christmas Nativity and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A huge well done to all the children from Butterfly, Ladybird and Dragonfly Class for their super Christmas Nativity. Although it had to be filmed in bubbles and then edited, I am sure that you will agree that the children (and staff) did an amazing job. If you haven't had the chance to view their performance yet it can be accessed via the school website!

### Coronavirus Advice

We have been asked by Durham County Council to share the following information with you:

Reporting symptoms after the school closes for Christmas Holidays

Sherburn Primary School will close on December 18th. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus you must book a test.

If your child develops symptoms that result in a positive test, up to and including December 20th you must inform the school at via the school website.

Please include the name of your child, their class and the date that their symptoms started, as well as your own contact details.

From Monday 21st December

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Monday 21st December onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace. You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur after this date.



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Contact tracing during the Christmas break

Please be aware that the school, following the guidance of the Department for Education and Public Health, will do the following for 6 days after the end of term:

- Collect information from staff and pupils with positive tests and families of symptomatic pupils
- Advise families of close contact with confirmed Covid cases, and inform them of self-isolation requirements

### Reminder

From Tuesday 15th December, the self-isolation period for close contacts of a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed from 14 to 10 days.

### Christmas Jumper Day

The children raised £125 for Save the Children by coming to school in their Christmas jumpers of Friday. There was an amazing variety of festive designs – the children really enjoyed their non-uniform day! Thank you for supporting this good cause.

### Last day of Term

Children can come to school in non-uniform, however they cannot bring in any toys or games from home to play with on Friday afternoon because of Coronavirus.

### Key Dates

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Children return to school

There haven't been any significant changes to government guidance about the operations of schools, so we will be back in January running exactly as we are now, in line with our risk assessment. Thank you again for your support this term. Our attendance has been really impressive despite the unusual circumstances and the children have worked hard to start to close gaps in their learning as a result of 'Lockdown'. Please can you continue this support by encouraging your child/children to read regularly over the holidays.

Have a very enjoyable Christmas break. Keep safe! We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year!

Yours sincerely

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