



# The Cedars Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020

### Positive Covid-19 Test in School

As you are all aware I took the decision to close the school last week due to a positive case of Covid-19 amongst the staff. I know that it is deeply frustrating when your children have to miss time and this has an effect on your work and home lives. I can assure you that the time spent away from school was deeply frustrating for myself as well, I do not want children to be missing their education and only took the decision to close the school as a last resort.

I was pleased to see the amount of children engaging with the remote learning work that we set during the closure. We will be contacting you again to assess the effectiveness of the remote learning that we offered and if we can do anything to support children if we need to switch to remote learning in the future.

I would also like to reassure you that the member of staff that tested positive is well and has returned to work.

### Christmas Video

I was really quite shocked this morning when I wrote the date on the staff board. It has been such a strange year that I found it difficult to believe how close we are to the Christmas break.

Whilst we can't celebrate Christmas in quite the same way as other years we have however been planning our festive events.

We won't be able to put on a whole school Christmas performance this year but we are planning a 'Covid-safe' video version that we hope to put on the website for all to see.

**We are also having a Christmas jumper day next Friday 11th December.** Your child can wear a Christmas jumper for the day instead of their school jumper.

We will be serving a traditional **Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December.**

### Support With Finances

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another. I am aware that some families have been affected financially and we will be supplying free school meals vouchers to all eligible families in line with Government guidelines during the Christmas holidays.

Attached to this newsletter is an application form for funding applications for an emergency assistance grant and in the next text box are details of how to apply for a discount fuel voucher (please note that neither are supplied through the school).

If you have any questions about either scheme or would like assistance in applying, please contact Mrs McIntyre by phoning the school.

Also attached to the newsletter is a flyer for an online Fun Day on the 17th December for younger children.

### Groundwork London Fuel Vouchers

#### Who is eligible for a voucher?

Any resident who:

- Has a prepayment meter
- No money to top up the prepayment meter
- Struggling to find the money for the prepayment meter. For example, choosing between food and fuel
- Not received more than 3 X Vouchers

This funding is specifically for people struggling financially for ANY reason due to COVID to make sure households have access to power and heat.

The main question being: Are you close to or already using the emergency credit facility on your electric and/or gas meter or have you self-disconnected?

**TO APPLY call the Green Doctor Team on 0330 365 5003**



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# ONLINE CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

**Thursday 17 December 2020**

Come and join our live christmas workshops and have some festive fun!

**9.30 - 10.15am** - Crown making

**10.30 - 11.15am** - Christmas playdough make-along

**11.30 - 12.15pm** - Calendar making and stocking decorating

**1.30 - 2.15pm** - Reindeer Christmas crispy cakes and gingerbread tree decorations, cook-along

**2.30 - 3.15pm** - Homemade Christmas cards with handprints

**3.30 - 4.15pm** - Christmas story and reindeer food



Book a 5 Minute visit with Santa and his Elf between  
**10 – 12pm and 1 – 3pm**

To make a booking please complete our short [sign up form](#)