

Headteacher: Mr D Childs

20th November 2020

Dear Parents,

With our focus on respect and family this week, it has been fantastic to see the high levels of respect that we have seen this week and the wonderful ways that both the children and adults in the school really treat each other like family.

Covid19 - Safety Update

I would like to thank you all for the fantastic response to my letter regarding staggered timings in the morning. Our mornings are now much less busy around 8:30, meaning that social distancing is easier to achieve.

As many of you will know, Kent and Medway will be placed in tier 3 from December 2nd. To find out more about what this means, please use following links:

[Local restriction tiers: what you need to know - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/full-list-of-local-restriction-tiers-by-area>

Christmas 2020

I know it's still November but I wanted to share our Christmas plans with you all. I think it's fair to say that it been a year like no other! We will have to make lots of adjustments but we still want to make Christmas a really magical time of year for our children.

Taking everything into consideration, especially current guidelines, these are the current plans:

Friday 27th November – We will be decorating the school this evening so that when the children arrive back on Monday 30th November, everything will feel very festive.

Friday 4th December – This will be the filming of the key stage 1 nativity (and bonus appearances from children in key stage two. More details will follow about this.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch and virtual panto. We are very grateful to the PTFA for funding a virtual panto for us so that all children can enjoy a pantomime broadcast directly into their classrooms. On this day, we would like children to wear Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, accessories etc. Normal uniform will be required for the bottom half so please still send your child in wearing school shoes, trousers, skirts, etc.

Friday 18th December - Christmas parties in the afternoon. We will be hosting class Christmas parties in the afternoon and providing the children with a variety of activities (in-line with current guidelines). For this day, we would like the children to wear their own clothes, ready to enjoy a festive party.

Christmas cards – In each class, there will be a tray or box for children to put their completed Christmas cards in. We would ask that all cards are handed to school by the 10th December. This means that we can keep them quarantined for the necessary period of time before handing them out during the last week of term.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe,

Mr Childs and the rest of the team at Ryarsh Primary School