

Welcome to the final digital newsletter of 2020.

As we come to the end of what has been a very long term, we want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience, understanding and support. The last few months have been some of the most challenging and difficult any of us have ever had to face. However, despite these difficulties, the resilience and cheerfulness shown by our pupils has been something we should all be proud of. Equally impressive has been the hard work and determination of the staff to do the very best they can to continue to support them all the way. This should give us all confidence as we move into 2021 and the challenges it will undoubtedly bring.

We hope everyone has a restful, safe Christmas break and look forward to a positive new year in 2021.

Attendance

Pupil attendance is expected to be at least 96% across the year.

Whole school attendance this week was 95%

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 95.9% | 95.9% | 96.5% | 95.4% | 93.8% |

Achievement of pupils at expected level

Pupils at risk of underachieving

Pupils underachieving

Well done to

Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 for high attendance this term.

| Class | Attendance % this week | Attendance % this term |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Nursery (am) | 86.4% | 88.4% |
| Nursery (pm) | 92.6% | 89.1% |
| Reception | 97.7% | 97.7% |
| Year 1 | 90.9% | 93.6% |
| Year 2 | 94.9% | 96.3% |
| Year 3 | 96.4% | 93.8% |
| Year 3/4 | 90% | 92.2% |
| Year 4 | 90.1% | 94.4% |
| Year 5 | 99.3% | 96.4% |
| Year 6 | 98.4% | 95.6% |

Monday 4th January 2021 is an INSET day. School is closed to pupils. Children are due back on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Safety on site

Parents and pupils must not enter the school site before 8.30am, while the vehicle access gates are open. Once on site, children must wait with parents and ensure social distancing is in place. If your child struggles to wait, do not arrive too early.

Contact details

Please keep your contact phone number, email and address up to date and inform us of any changes. We must be able to contact you during the school day, by telephone.

Christmas Performances

The Christmas audio recordings are now on the school website.

Website link: [New Bolsover Primary School - Christmas 2020](#)

Family Christmas Fun

You may have your own family traditions, some of which might have to be different this year. Here are some Covid safe ideas that children have come up with this week.

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| Bake and decorate biscuits | Read a Christmas book | Make some decorations | Watch a Christmas film together |
| Make a Christmas card | Make mince pies or jam tarts | Play board games | Make your own Christmas crackers |
| Have a Christmas quiz | Go for a walk in the dark and look for Christmas lights | Go on a treasure hunt | Make hot chocolate |
| Learn different ways to fold napkins for the Christmas table | Sing Christmas songs or carols | Make your own party hats | Host a virtual party |
| Make a Christmas A-Z list of words to do with Christmas | Write a Christmas poem | Write thank you cards | Talk about and write down wishes for the new year |

School Lunch Menu for week beginning 4th January 2021

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| INSET Day School closed to pupils | Beef burger in bread bun Diced potatoes Vegetables Fruit & jelly | Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding & gravy Potatoes & vegetables Fruit & chocolate cracknel | Chicken curry Rice Vegetables Naan bread Lemon crunch biscuit | Sweet potato fishcake Chips Vegetables Apple & blackberry sponge with custard |
| Yogurt and Fresh Fruit Served Daily Homemade Bread Served Minimum Twice a Week | | | | |

On the final day of term, we had great fun with bubbles, in our bubbles! We think they attracted the attention of Father Christmas, as he made an air drop of goodies into school!

