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You may have seen in the news about the government offering schools the option to have a teacher training day on 18th December and returning to school a day earlier in January to make up for it.

In agreement with the other Berwick partnership schools, we have decided that it would be too disruptive at this point in the term to change our dates and we will be open for pupils on Friday 18th December as previously arranged. Our teacher training day remains on 4th January and pupils are expected back into school on Tuesday 5th January.

Important information about contact tracing over the holiday period

Schools have also been asked to assist with contact tracing after term ends. **This is to help with cases where a pupil begins to have Covid symptoms in the weekend after we break up only (19th and 20th December) and therefore may have had contact with others in school in the 48 hours before symptoms emerged.** In this case, please inform the school using admin@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk.

If symptoms begin from Monday 21st onwards, then the school **should not** be contacted and you should following contract tracing instructions provided by the NHS track and trace system.

Please do not expect other email accounts to be checked over the holiday period as staff need to have a proper rest after a very busy and challenging term. The admin emails will be checked for Covid tracing emails each morning for the first 6 days of the holiday only.

Rebecca

Eco Schools News

This week in Eco-Schools club the children made their own recyclable wrapping paper! If you would like to try all you need is brown paper, some stamps and some string to tie a bow. They also took home a bamboo toothbrush each, great idea for a stocking filler!

Lastly a big thank you to everyone who donated items for the Christmas shoeboxes, they will be sent on Monday and I will keep you updated on their progress.

Miss Easten



Nursery News

This week we have started our Christmas preparations. The children have decorated their own special Christmas bag to take home next week with all their festive craft in. So far we have enjoyed making salt dough, Christmas cards, singing songs and reading lots of Christmas stories (unfortunately, 'the dinosaur that pooped Christmas' is proving a favourite!).

We also attempted some 'hedgehog bread' which nursery had a good go at, well done!

Next week we will be filling our bags with home-made decorations and having a Boogie Beat Christmas party! Please send your child with a Christmas jumper on Tuesday if they would like to wear one for the party.



Spellings

- Year 1:** Adding the ending 'ed' to verbs where no change is needed to the root word
Sounds like 'it' Looks like 'ed'
Eg hunted, jumped, buzzed
- Year 2:** Adding 'est' to a root word ending in 'y' with a consonant before 'est'. The 'y' is changed to 'i' before 'est'
Eg driest, cloudiest, funniest
- Year 3:** The suffix 'ation' is added to verbs to form nouns
Eg information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration
- Year 4:** More homophones
Same sound, different spelling and meaning
Eg main/mane Meat/meet plane/plain

Christmas news

Filming for our nativity is going very well (despite trying to dodge the rain) and the outcomes so far are even better than expected. We look forward to uploading this on our website as soon as possible so you can enjoy this wonderful Christmas story told and sung brilliantly by your children. We will alert you when this is ready via email and on our Facebook page.

We have had a lovely week with our Christmas dinner on Thursday, provided by Margaret with all the trimmings! We have also accessed Cinderella, the online Christmas pantomime by the West Midlands Theatre Company. Christmas jumper day also brightened up our Friday.

Next week will be slightly calmer (maybe!) with a Christmas collective worship on Wednesday. We are having 'Elf' day on Thursday (based on the film). Children can come to school in 'Christmas colours' or their own clothes.

On Friday 18th we are having our Christmas party. Children can wear their party clothes / own clothes, but they will still need warm outdoor clothing as we will be outside as much as we can manage.



Dates:

- 17th December: 'Elf' day (based on the film)
18th December: Christmas party
School stops for the Christmas holidays
4th January: Staff Training Day
5th January: Children return to school

Reminders

There are no after school clubs in the last week of term. We can still provide child care if needed.

The cut off date for sending Christmas cards into school is today (11th December). Unfortunately, your child cannot bring cards in next week due to the need for quarantining them.