

Hindhayes Infant school

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School Attendance
Whole School 90.8%

Chestnut was the class
with the highest
attendance with
96.3%

Food Menu for 13th
Dec - Week 2

Diary Dates:

Happening Next Week:

13/12/21- Christmas Play
Dress Run all costumes
required in school

14/12/21 - Christmas Play

15/12/21 - Night Before
Christmas Workshop

16/12/21 - Winter Fayre

17/12/21 - Christmas
Jumper Day and class
parties

After Christmas
holidays

4/01/22 - INSET day

12/01/22 - Flu Vaccines

At School This Week

Well Christmas is well and truly on our doorstep now!

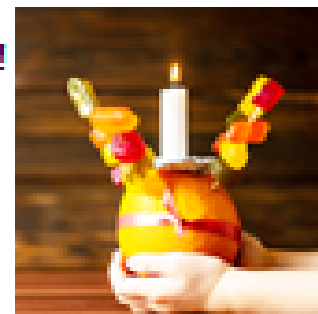
The children had a great start to the week as they had the chance to hear the story of Christmas and make a Christingle. The Christingle is a symbolic object used in advent. It is a German word meaning 'Little Christ Child' and is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the Light of the world.

The children have also been busy preparing for the Christmas Play on Monday. Thank you for all of the hard work that you have put into the costumes. We hope that you have all secured your tickets now. These have been processed and we are in now busily printing a physical ticket for you. This one ticket will state how many tickets you have requested on it. Please bring this with you. You will not be permitted entry without it.

As you will have heard this week we are still as a community able to visit a theatre with our children if we wear face masks. We have spent a lot of time discussing this event as a senior team and also consulted with the governing body this week. We all feel that with the current guidance as it is and the additional precautions we are going to take we can do our best to make this a safe event for us all.

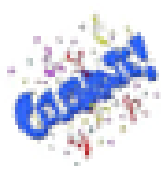
Over the last two years there have been so many things that the children have had to miss or have cancelled, we are nearly there and really want them to have the experience of performing as a whole school in such a wonderful venue. Our thanks as always goes to Martin and Louise Lukins who help to make this happen for us. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, be prepared to shed a tear!

What a wonderful end to the week. The children have run their little hooves off and a massive thank you to you for your commitment to sponsoring the children for this event. Unfortunately Santa and his little helpers are still working on the children's medals, we are assured that in spite of how busy he is the medals will be with us next week. We hope you enjoy looking at the photos of all your little reindeers!



Have a lovely weekend.





Lets Celebrate



We would like to say a massive well done to all of the children for their hard work over the last week. They have worked extremely hard to ensure that they are ready for their school performance.

Messages from the Hindhayes Staff

Wrapping Paper Request

Mrs Jones would kindly like to ask parents for donations of decent sized off cuts from their wrapping paper. Mrs Jones plans to use these with children in school to make different art pieces so please donate where you can.

December Christmas Holiday period – FSM food vouchers

Dear All – As you may be aware Hindhayes will again be allocated some funds from the Government, for those families who are entitled to FSM (Free School Meals) for food vouchers. For these families, I will be in contact before the start of the Christmas holiday period and will send the vouchers electronically for you to use. For any families where your financial circumstances may have changed, you can contact the school office by emailing (Hindhayes@educ.somerset.gov.uk) and we will send you a FSM Form to complete, which will then be sent to colleagues at County Hall to check eligibility. As you'll know we have been trying to ensure all the forms are returned to the school, especially for Reception families. Therefore, if you still haven't completed a form please do contact us as soon as possible. If there are any queries or need any help, please contact the school office through the above email. Thank you, Mike

WRAP Care - Tuesday 14th December

WRAP Care will be closing at 5pm on Tuesday, to enable the children and staff to be able to get to Millfield ready for the 6pm performance. If your child is booked in, and you no longer need the WRAP Care, please let the office know and we will credit this back to your account.

Christmas Performance

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted that you will be joining us on Tuesday at Millfield School to watch the children perform their Christmas Performance. We hope that you enjoy the play and support your child in learning their role.

Please see the below message we have received from the Data Protection Officer:

A reminder that parents filming performances and posting/sharing is not covered by UK GDPR – it's considered personal data processing (see the ICO's advice here). However, schools should always think about safeguarding and remind parents about your expectations at the start of a performance.

We would like to remind you of the guidance around taking photos and recording the performance. We know that you will be excited to take photos and videos of your children partaking in the school performance however we kindly ask that you refrain from doing so due to the GDPR rulings. We would like to remind families that there will be a DVD of the Christmas Performance that you will be able to purchase after the Christmas holidays.

Thank you.





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Covid-19 End of Autumn term update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, at this time the school still remains in an Enhanced/Amber COVID position. This continues to be as a result of the impact from the wider community and the most recent announcements this week, following the arrival of the new Omicron variant. Within our own setting across the term the number of positive cases has remained very low.

At any time we have had no more than a couple of families out of school and currently we have a healthy staff. Thank you for supporting us with our current adjustments to the school day, they are working to keep the whole community well. As of today, there will be no changes to any of our timings and when we return to school in January we will stay working in our year group bubbles and continue to find alternative ways to hold whole school events. Drop off and collection times will stay as they are and we will also continue to ask you to adhere to the one way system that we have through the grounds and if you can wear a face mask when inside the school grounds.

All of our previous measures will remain in place and those that apply to the normal school day also apply to before and after school care. This will continue as it has done up until now.

The guidance is here for you with an update on the Omicron variant.

	Public Health Recommendation	Hindhayes Action
Basic/Green	Follow and promote public health guidance on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19	Already in place through baseline risk assessment which is currently published on the school website
	Setting based contact tracing of staff cases	
	Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes	
	Keep occupied spaces well ventilated	
	Appropriate use of PPE	
	Deliver strong messaging about signs and symptoms of Covid-19, isolation advice and testing to support prompt isolation of suspected cases	
	Encourage vaccination uptake for eligible staff	



Additional/Blue	<p>Strengthened communications to encourage staff and household members of pupils to undertake twice-weekly LFD testing and reinforcing advice on symptoms and case isolation</p> <p>Consider moving activities outdoors, including exercise, assemblies and classes Further improvement of ventilation indoors (where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort). This may include the use of CO2 devices to measure sufficient ventilation in settings where available.</p> <p>One-off enhanced cleaning focusing on touch points and any shared equipment Review and reinforcement of hygiene measures</p>	
Enhanced/Amber	<p>Introduce face coverings for staff in communal areas such as corridors when movement occurs between lessons and on school transport if used</p> <p>Reduce mixing between groups of children as much as possible. Consider pausing 'whole school' assemblies and other "large gatherings"</p> <p>Promote social distancing and reduce crowding where possible; minimise pinch points in the school day, for example, staggered lunch times, or start times</p> <p>Reinforce social distancing and good infection prevention control amongst staff (ventilation and touchpoint cleaning especially in areas where staff gather)</p> <p>Updated guidance: any close contacts of confirmed cases of Covid-19 identified by NHS Test & Trace to book a PCR test and whilst awaiting test results, undertake a daily LFD test and only attend school if this is negative. All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will continue to be required to self-isolate and asked to book a PCR test. The Government plans to introduce Daily Contact Testing as soon as possible as an alternative to self-isolation for contacts of positive Omicron cases who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months.</p> <p>The daily LFD testing is at the parent or guardian's discretion for primary age children.</p> <p>Additional Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At lunch time there will be no lunch club, tree house or risky play available. No visitors unless essential to undertake assessment or work. Office closed to visitors unless essential parents to email or telephone. Staff Face masks/screens/ distanced working. Shared spaces e.g. library, Willow room to be fogged regularly. No whole school assembly. Staff meetings to take place over teams. Where possible intervention groups to be made up of children from the same classes. Tables, chairs, classroom furniture and touch points to be regularly cleaned. Staff to gather in year group spaces for e.g. lunch YR tree house, Yr1 staff room, Yr. 2 wrap room. Where possible staff to leave site and work from home. SLT to protect against infection through work from home rotation if possible. After lettings, areas used by external visitors must be fogged 	<p>Staff to wear face masks when leaving their classroom</p> <p>Whole school assemblies to take place over teams</p> <p>Please see timings listed below for drop off/playtimes: Reception: Beech and Oak classes Drop Off: 8.50 am Collection: 2.50 pm Lunch: 11.30-12.00 Play Time: 12.00-12.30 Quad only</p> <p>Chestnut, Sycamore and Hazel classes Drop Off: 9.00 am Collection: 3.00pm Lunch: 12.05 - 12.35pm Play time: 12.35- 1.05 Field only</p> <p>Orchard and Hawthorn classes Drop Off: 9.10 am Collection: 3.10 pm Lunch: 12.40 -1.10 Play time: 12.10 - 12.35 field only</p> <p>School to reintroduce procedures for social distancing</p> <p>Guidance to be followed by parents and staff</p> <p>Community events to be individually risk assessed by senior team as guidance continues to be changed e.g. Christmas play is in a theatre Christmas fayre is outside</p>