

Naphill and Walters Ash School Newsletter December 2020

Key Dates
Thursday 17/12/20 – last
day, this is a full day not
an early finish.
Tuesday 5/1/21 – return to
school

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Message from Miss Gwynn

I would like to thank you for your understanding and support this term. The children have been great; they have taken all the changes to routine in their stride and many are now embracing Seesaw. We are finally getting our Government funded IT support and there will be an updated system in place. This will allow us to use the Microsoft Education platform; however we will keep using Seesaw as it is up and running and child friendly. Next term we will be holding virtual parents' evenings and will be sending out more information about those when we come back.

I hope you do all get to enjoy Christmas and have some family time with people you haven't seen for a while. But I know for many of you that still will not be possible.

Please stay safe and well.

More School News

Yr 6 are looking forward to their World War 2 afternoon next week and are entering the 'make do and mend' spirit of things. War time Christmas does put Christmas this year into perspective a bit more. Year 4 were doing a modern dance version of the 12 Days of Christmas this week; I am sure many can give you a demonstration at home.

Yr 5 teachers have been very impressed with the work the children have been doing on Seesaw; Mrs Shimmin has impressed everyone with being the first person to work out how to upload a picture of work done in school to support work being done at home. Both Yr 1 and Yr 5 have uploaded pictures of their dancing at home, some even included costume changes!

I have the pleasure (and it really is) of taking Yr 3 swimming. They went back for their second session on Tuesday and I think many were very tired that afternoon. The instructors at Risborough Springs said how much they enjoyed teaching again too.

Yr 2 are busy looking at 'The Way home For Wolf' story and are reinventing parts of it – some lovely writing and ideas being produced. Yr R seem to be helping Father Christmas as they are in the workshop being elves.

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Sorry – Covid Information

If you end up getting a positive test result for Covid 19, up until December 23rd you will need to contact the school. We will then talk to you about when the test result came back and when symptoms were first seen. I get the impression that PHE are thinking that there may be an increase in demand on the testing system and so it might take longer to get a test and then delays in getting results may occur too.

So . . . If your child shows symptoms on Friday 18th or Saturday 19th December and they then test positive, we will need to contact the other children in their year group. This will mean that those children will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks, the 5 day meet your family rule will then not apply. Even if you do not get your test results until the 23rd December but symptoms were present on the 18th and 19th and you have had to wait for a test and/or result you still need to let us know. If symptoms appear from Sunday 20th onwards, please inform us so we can rule out a link to the school. If in doubt please email us with a contact number and we will call you to discuss your concerns.

The office email will be checked at 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. every day. If you do get a positive result, please email the office on office@nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk and let us know the best number to call you on. We cannot take all the phone numbers home with us so please include one in your email.

I know this could potentially spoil some people's Christmas and holiday plans, but better to be well and know you can keep your families safe. Many of us are having to decide what to do and just can't make any plans due to the circumstances.

I hope to see you all back in January 2021 safe and well.