



...and just like that it is December and so very close to Christmas! This is always a very busy term in the lead up to Christmas and the Festive Period.

Again, due to the current mitigations in response to Covid, there continues to be a need to adapt some of our Festive activities, but we are determined that our children will continue to have as much fun year as we count down the days to Christmas!

We have tried to give you as much information as possible in this newsletter, but please remember that these are subject to change. We will do our best to keep you informed of any changes as soon as we are aware through Groupcall.

### Staying Vigilant and Responding to COVID Symptoms

The guidance from Scottish Government means that many of our mitigations will remain in place as we continue to ensure our schools remain a safe place for all.

The whole school community will continue to be vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19, and understand what actions should be taken if someone develops them, either onsite or offsite.

#### The most common symptoms are:

- New continuous cough.
- Fever/ high temperature.
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia).

It is essential that learners (and staff) do not attend school if they are symptomatic, and organise to get a PCR as soon as possible. If the result is positive, they should self-isolate at home until the date they have been given by Test and Protect. If anyone in your household needs to get a PCR test, you should all self-isolate until a negative result is returned. If the test result is positive, all members of the household should access a PCR and self-isolate until their PCR results are returned. If there is a positive case in your household, and your child returns a negative PCR they can return to school.

We continue to remain hopeful that current Covid-19 mitigations will be amended as appropriate, and that we will be able to reintroduce and enjoy all that our school has to offer in the near future.

### Christmas Show

This year our Christmas Show and Nativity will again be broadcast virtually! The very special message of Christmas will be shared by our Nursery and P1-P7 classes through a Nativity and Festive songs.

We hope to share a recording of our performance online. We will only share the link with family members of our school. If you do not wish your child to be on screen – please let us know. The nativity will be broadcast during the last week of term. We will provide further information, and confirmed date nearer the time. We are very excited to share the finished product with you!

### An additional format for our newsletter

Communication is vitally important to us and we are always trying to find ways as to how we can improve our methods. This session we will also share newsletters using SWAY.



### Staffing Update

Last week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Bancroft who has been providing RCCT & PT time for Mr McNeill. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Gina for all her support and hard work.

We now look forward to welcoming Mrs Cara Veitch to our staff. She will work very closely with Mr McNeill to continue providing excellent learning and teaching experiences for our children. Mrs Veitch will this year be with us on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Welcome to Humbie Mrs Veitch!

### Jolly Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December is Jolly Jumper day. We invite all children at Humbie Primary and nursery to come to school wearing a Christmas/Wintery jumper or something seasonal, e.g. a hat, or some tinsel.



### Christmas Lunches

We are very excited that we will have our Christmas lunch on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not add any lunches to schoolpay on this day as the kitchen have already done this.

Children in P1-P4 and those entitled to Free School Meals do not have to pay for this meal. Alternatively if you do not wish your child to have a Christmas Lunch, you can send a packed lunch with your child instead.



### Christmas Parties

This year, Our Nursery Class, and P1-P7 are aiming to have their parties on the afternoon of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children may wish to wear party clothes for this, but in line with current guidance, we ask that they come to school and nursery wearing these.

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for providing funds to buy some party food and prizes.

