

# 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Weekly Update



So it's that time of year when we look forward to the month of December and all of the festive holiday activity within our school. This year, of course things are a little bit different! In order to remain optimistic and positive, the staff are looking at this time as a time of new opportunity, and rather than thinking about what we're not able to do, we're thinking about what we can do in a slightly different way. There are many things that we have to do in a new way this year in keeping with the current Guidance for Schools to keep everyone safe. As the holiday period approaches it would be easy to become a little complacent but we are continuing to work exceptionally hard to make sure that everyone stays safe and is able to enjoy time over Christmas with loved ones. I hope the following will answer any questions about what the Festive period might look like at Broomhill.

## Christmas Cards



If your child wishes to send a Christmas Card to the class, this is fine, but please limit this to one card to the whole class and only their class. These will be displayed in the classroom for everyone to enjoy. Inspired by the rainbows in windows earlier this year, classes have been encouraged to make a Christmas Card to take home and display in windows so that the whole community can benefit from a little bit of sparkle!

## Parties

This year, pupils are invited to attend an 'Afternoon at the Movies' or 'An Afternoon at the online Panto' instead of the usual Christmas Party. Pupils can still come to school dressed in their 'party clothes' but instead of the usual games and music, will have movies/panto and snacks instead.

Dates are as follows:

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December		
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December		
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Rm 19	Rm 5, Rm 11, Rm 9, Rm 12
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Rm 21	Rm 16, Rm 5, Rm 7, Rm 4
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Rm 22, Rm 15	Rm 20, Rm 13, Rm 8

## Santa

Due to travel restrictions in the North Pole, Santa won't be able to visit Broomhill this year but we're hoping he will be able to send a message to the pupils. He does of course have special rules which allow him to visit homes on Christmas Eve, so remember to leave out your hand sanitiser when you leave a treat for him! Some sacks have already been delivered to school and are currently in quarantine, so we're hoping there may be a few surprises there for the pupils.



## Gifts



Gifts for staff members from families are most unnecessary, yet year after year our parents and carers are always extremely generous to us all. This year, we cannot accept gifts but would be delighted if you would like to donate to our Foodbank or make a donation to a local Charity of your

choice. This has been a very difficult year for many families and I'm sure that any donations in lieu of gifts will go a long way to help make Christmas a little more special.

### **Class Christmas Videos**

Each class is busily preparing a short Christmas item which will be available for you to see prior to the holidays. Videos will be uploaded to our Google Classrooms. Pupils who do not have consent to be photographed or filmed will be unable to be included in the video clips. If you wish to change any consent given for this one time, please contact the school office before Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**



Many of you will know that Mr Hewitt (P1) is very partial to a Christmas Jumper and has one for each day in December. It's hard to keep up with that, but we're looking forward to a Festive Friday when we can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper as we usually do at this time of year. There will be a donations box for Save the Children in the office and if you wish to make a donation, you can, however this is not compulsory. This year, why not try and upcycle an old Christmas Jumper or decorate a plain sweater for Christmas. It's not necessary to go and buy a new one.

### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

We are in the process of tweaking our lunchtime timetable slightly to be able to accommodate a Christmas Lunch. It will be a slightly lower key event but we're delighted that we'll still be able to go ahead with this. Lunchtime will be slightly extended on this day whilst still ensuring that classes are socially distant in the dining hall and will still play in their class bubble in the playground. If your child is coming home for lunch on this day, timings will be as follows:



11.40am – 12.30pm	12.30pm – 1.20pm	1.20pm – 2.10pm
Rm 4, Rm 5, Rm 7, Rm 11, Rm 9	Rm 8, Rm 13, Rm 20, Rm 10, Rm 12	Rm 19, Rm 16, Rm 15, Rm 21, Rm 22

### **Poppy Scotland**

Thank you to anyone who donated to Poppy Scotland online, our House Captains collected £263.27 in school through the sale of Poppies earlier this month.

### **Balloon Race**

Our Parent Council raised £535.28 with their Online Balloon Race. Thank you to everyone who took part.

### **Building Update**

It's been wonderful to see work happening in our building site this week. Sad to see our shelters coming down but exciting to see that progress is being made. There were lots of interested faces watching the site offices being delivered on huge lorries and craned into place. Unfortunately, over the weekend one of the diggers was vandalised which delayed work. There will be CCTV installed over this weekend which will cover the site but please impress upon any secondary aged young people you may know, that this is a building site and is not a safe place to be. Police Scotland are aware and will be performing routine checks.

Please keep following the National Guidance, Aberdeen City is currently in Tier 2 and the restrictions can be found on the Scottish Government website here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-2/>

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs D Reid (Head Teacher)

## Frequently Asked Questions/Topics

### Hand Hygiene

Increasingly, bottles of soap are arriving in school from home. Unless your child has a specific medical condition due to an allergy of a specific ingredient which requires a prescriptive soap/sanitiser, pupils should continue to use the soap/sanitiser provided in school.

*Hand Sanitiser Ingredients: 75% alcohol, purified water, glycerin, carbomer, trithanolamine, DMDM Hydantoin, Vitamin E, Aloe Barbadensis Leaf Extract.*

*Hand Soap Ingredients are: Water, Sodium Laureth Sulfate, Cocamidopropyl Betaine, PEG-200 Hydrogenated Glyceryl Palmate, PEG-7 Glyceryl Cocoate, Sodium Chloride, Fragrance, Benzyl Alcohol, Methylchloroisothiazolinone, Methylisothiazolinone, Triethylene Glycol, Propylene Glycol, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Nitrate, Citric Acid, Red 33 (CI17200)*

Prescribed sanitiser or soap must always be able to be carried with the pupil so that hands can be washed in other areas of the school when outside of the classroom.

### Link to School Meal Menu:

[Primary School Menu Winter'20-1\(1\).pdf](https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/primary-school-menu-winter-20-1(1).pdf)  
([aberdeencity.gov.uk](https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk))

### Protect Scotland

Something we can all do right now to protect Scotland is to download and register on the new Test & Protect app. You can find out more information here and download it from <https://www.protect.scot/>

Please share with your friends and family.

With the increase in infections and the new restrictions in mind, it is critical that we continue to follow the guidance laid out in the Scottish Government FACTS campaign:

- **F** - Face coverings in enclosed spaces – shops, public transport or anywhere else inside that physical distancing might be more difficult.
- **A** - Avoid all crowded places. Indoors, obviously, but outdoors as well.
- **C** - Clean your hands and hard surfaces regularly.
- **T** - Two metre distancing remains the overall advice.
- and **S** - Self isolate, and book a test, if you have any of the symptoms of COVID.

### If your child develops symptoms

Additional information has been sent home from our Chief Office of Education which clarifies the procedures regarding anyone who displays symptoms of COVID 19. Please read and retain this information.

Scottish Government have updated the Quarantine rules and information for residents and visitors entering Scotland. If you are returning from another country your family may be required to quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. Please check updated guidance at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-health-checks-at-borders/pages/overview/>

*As per our Risk Assessment, if any child develops possible symptoms of COVID 19 they will be taken to an isolation space in school and you will be contacted to come and take them home as soon as possible. Your household should then self-isolate and book a test for those displaying symptoms. Please ensure that we have updated contact information and that emergency contacts are available. Please keep the school updated on progress with testing. In the event of a positive covid case in school we will work closely with Public Health colleagues to identify close contacts who may be required to self-isolate if the 2m distancing rule has been breached.*



Please remember not to approach our teaching staff in the playground regarding any matters. Communication must come through our school office at this time. If you wish to speak with a member of staff, please call the office and we can easily arrange a time for a telephone meeting.



Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 2 begins
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed – In Service
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 begins