

CUMBRIA EDUCATION SERVICE



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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your tremendous support this term. It has been very difficult for everyone in school and your adherence to our routines and support for all the measures we have put in place has helped us greatly. So thank you very much from all the staff.

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back to school in September and we've had a great Autumn term since that first day. The children have been amazing at getting back into the swing of school life particularly with all the changes. We feel extremely blessed that our school has not had to close any bubbles yet especially as we now seem to be in the minority. We do hope that this will continue next term.

Despite not being able to host all of the usual Christmas activities this year we have had a lovely Christmas dinner day and the Reception and Year 6 classes are putting on Christmas plays. These will be shared with all children via Microsoft teams at our end of term celebration assembly.

We are also holding our usual Christmas party days for the children this year where the children can come to school in party clothes, take part in activities in the classroom and have party games and treats. Due to our COVID measures the children will have to have their parties as class bubbles so each party will be on a different day or time of day. Please see the table below for the date of your child's party. **Please note there are changes to the dates for Reception and Year 1 children.**

Year 5	Friday 11 th December
Reception	Monday 14 th December AM
Year 2	Monday 14 th December PM
Year 6	Tuesday 15 th December
Year 1	Wednesday 16 th December AM
Year 3	Wednesday 16 th December PM
Year 4	Thursday 17 th December
Pre-school	All children are invited. Mrs Spedding will send more details shortly

The VSA's last fundraiser for 2020 will be a Prize draw held on each of the Party days. Squares on a grid will be available to buy for £1. There are enough squares for 1 per child and every child entering the draw will win a prize ranging from a "goody bag" (the type that we usually have in our Lucky dip at the disco), a selection box or similar, or a wrapped "mystery" gift. We hope you are able to take part. All the prizes have been delivered to School already in preparation and to allow the required 72 hours to pass.

Our last day this term is Friday 18th December and we are running a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. We hope that children are able to bring a donation into school to support this vital charity. **Please note that school closes at 1.30 pm on this day. To ease congestion, children will be ready to be picked up from 1.10 pm and doors will close at 1.30 pm.**

Sadly, school is still receiving emails from residents about cars parked on double yellow lines with pictures attached. We have advised them to forward these to police as school has no power to act on illegal parking. I have been updated by residents this week to say that in response to their report a Police incident log has been created and the local Police team have been informed of the issue.

Thank you all once again for the tremendous support you have shown. It has been truly heart-warming. Although, we are thrilled at the news about a vaccine being used today for the first time to combat COVID-19 we are aware that we need to continue to remain vigilant and continuing to follow our COVID-19 procedures which is helping to significantly reduce the risk of infection, keeping our staff and children safe. As such, I felt it prudent to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the measures we have in place which will need to be adhered to when we reopen for the Spring term on Tuesday 5th January 2021. These are as follows:

- Classes will remain in their own bubbles to limit mixing with other children.
- KS1 and KS2 lunches will be eaten in the hall, Reception, Nursery and Year 6 children will eat their lunches in their classrooms to reduce contact between bubbles.
- Break times and lunch times will be staggered so each bubble can access the playground for their allotted time (there will be no loss of teaching time). Children will not be allowed to play on the playground equipment.
- Bubbles will have their own entrances (Year 5 & 6 – Year 6 door, Year 3 and 4 - Junior entrance, Year 1 and 2 - Infant entrance, Reception and Nursery - Normal entrances)
- A reminder of opening times: Start 8.45am-9.00am and end 3.05pm- 3.15pm (3.30 for Pre School).
- Each morning, we would like you to bring your child up the school lane and on to the relevant entrance. There are arrows displayed at two metre intervals to support social distancing when dropping your child off at school. We would be grateful if you could then continue on the one-way system and exit the school premises via Outrigg. We would also ask that adults continue to wear face masks.
- At the end of the day, we would like you to repeat this above mentioned routine. Weather permitting, the children will be outside ready to be collected to ensure you are not having to wait around more than necessary to collect your child.
- Please note that there will be no admittance into school. Please contact via phone or email the following:
 - amelia@stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk Monday to Friday
 - karen@stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - diane@stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Class teachers can be contacted directly through their email addresses for remote queries and class information will be regularly updated on our school website.
- Children will be expected to come to school wearing their PE kits on their allotted PE days – please see table below detailing PE sessions. This will help reduce the number of items being brought in and out of school.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
am		Reception – PE & Forest School	Y1 – PE		
pm	Y2 – PE	Y6 - PE	Y3 – PE	Y4 - PE	Y5 – PE

- Children are unable to order their dinners when they arrive in school. We'd like to encourage parents to sit with their child at home and pre-order their dinner. This can be done for a whole week or a day at a time.
- Each child has been given their own pencil case with the equipment they need. No resources from home will be allowed in school.
- Reading books are sent home on Monday to return back to school on Friday morning. These will be collected in a box/basket and left until Monday morning to allow for 72 hours to pass before redistributing.
- Children in Years 1 – 6 will be seated at desks in rows facing forward and will not be using carpet areas in classrooms.
- Hand washing will continue to be high priority and hand sanitiser is available throughout school.
- Deep cleaning will take place at the end of every day as well as continuous cleaning throughout the day.
- For Breakfast and After School Clubs bookings please contact Miss Millburn a minimum of 24 hours prior to the day required - smillburn@stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk
- There will be no after school activity clubs or whole school events at all during the Spring Term.
- If your child has any symptoms contact school at the first instance. Also, if any children show symptoms at school we will contact you right away. Public Health England guidance will be followed.
- The Government has confirmed that attendance remains compulsory and the usual attendance procedures apply. However, if your child has been given clinical guidance please can you contact school and we will discuss how we can support you.
- Children should bring a water bottle into school, clearly labelled with their name.
- Our updated risk assessments and whole school behaviour policy can be downloaded from our website <https://www.stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk/policies-key-documents>.

We do hope your children have enjoyed this term as much as we have. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support.

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