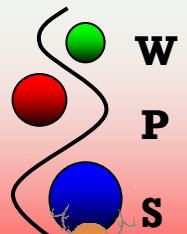




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Fundraising

A big thank you to all those that have donated towards 'Children in Need' and 'Christmas Jumper Day'.

We raised £485 for 'Children in Need' and £185.62 for 'Save the Children'.

Updated Covid Guidelines

The recent Covid guidelines changes are as follows:

Close contacts who are double vaccinated adults or who are under 18 years and 6 months in age do not have to isolate, but are **required to carry out a daily lateral flow test for 7 days** (and report the results to NHS Test and Trace).

This procedure also now applies to the **Omicron** variant i.e. if a double vaccinated adult or young person under the age of 18 years and 6 months is a close contact of someone who tested positive for Omicron, the close contact is not required to isolate, but is **required to carry out a daily lateral flow test for 7 days** (and report the results to NHS Test and Trace).

Close contacts of a Covid positive person, especially, those that live in the **same household**, should **maintain distance from other people**.

Considering the above, **if children at our school were identified as a close contact** of a positive case, **they too would be asked to carry out a lateral flow test for 7 days**. (This does not apply to children under 5 years of age.)

If someone tests positive after taking a lateral flow test and the PCR test is then negative, they can stop isolating, but are required to take a lateral flow test for the remainder of the 7 days, since they tested positive in the lateral flow test.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please feel free to ask.

Attendance Winners

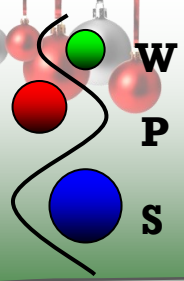
A big well done to **Zayaan Hussain** in 1S and **Alisa Golubeva** in 5S for winning the 100% attendance award for November 2021. They both won a £10 Asda voucher. Well done!

Merry Christmas

We would like to wish a heartfelt 'Merry Christmas!' to all those celebrating. It has been a difficult year for most, but we hope that the new year will bring positivity and change for all of us. Please try to enjoy the holidays with your loved ones.

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Bring it on Brum—Winter Program

In our last newsletter, we mentioned a scheme called 'Bring it on Brum!'. 'Bring it on Brum' is a Department for Education funded holiday activity and food programme, that's helping children, young people and their families have active, fun-filled and healthy school holidays. It is available to children who access free school meals. You can still register your interest for this club; we have sent you voucher codes via email for you to access the club.

To give you an idea of what is involved, we have included the daily schedule here. Every day will begin with a breakfast club (sign up required as limited numbers) and then onto the fun! There are a whole range of activities to choose from including; Football, Drama, Basketball, Dance, Arts & Crafts, Hockey and much more. A fresh lunch will be served at the end of the programme every day for take away from 12pm. (this will include options for vegetarians and pescatarian)

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30am - 9:30am: Breakfast Club (limited spaces)

9:30am - 10am : REGISTRATION

10am - 11am / 11am - 12pm: Activity

12pm : Lunch

Friday 31st December will be a special Funday with extended hours. More information to be shared soon!

Parents will need to arrive to collect children by 12:30pm

All bookings for Winter Hub must be made through this system. Please follow the booking below link to select the days that you would like your child to attend.

<https://birminghamchildrenstrust.coordinate.cloud>

***Please note that this club is NOT being held at Westminster Primary School.**

Lunch boxes / Snacks in school

Please can we ask parents not to put nuts into your children's snack pots and lunch boxes. We have a number of children in school with a nut allergy and hence we need to ensure that they are not compromised in any way. If we come across nuts in lunch boxes, we will remove them from your child.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th December 2021:

Break up for Christmas Holidays

Friday 17th December: Teacher training day

Tuesday 4th Jan 2022: School re-opens to pupils

Mon 21st Feb to Fri 25th Feb 2022: Half-term holiday

Monday 28th February—School re-opens to pupils