



16th October 2020

Harvest



Harvest this year will be different however, we are still collecting food items and this year we are joining other groups in our community. We are asking for food donations **until Friday 23rd October**. We would like donations of tins and packets (anything with a long used by date). A box will be on the entrance steps to drop food in as you are leaving. We understand times are hard but any donations would be greatly received.

Self-Isolation

You will have noticed that Covid-19 is very prominent in the area at the minute. We have had to close a bubble last week and children were asked to self-isolate for 14 days. This is a very stressful time for children and parents. Some parents had to take unpaid leave from work to ensure children were self-isolating. We are advised by public health to close the bubble and for children to self-isolate for one main reason, Covid-19 can take up to 14 days to develop. This is why you should only take a test if you are presenting any of the main symptoms. We are aware of children who took a test when the bubble closed and therefore thought they did not have to self-isolate. This is not advised as the virus may not have developed at the time of the test (negative result) but a few days later they could be tested again and could be positive. In this time, yourself or your child may have been around vulnerable people, spreading the infection. Please ensure you follow guidance and self-isolate for the 14 days and keep everyone safe around you and to stop further bubbles from closing!

In addition to this, if anyone in your household or bubble displays symptoms, you must all self isolate until you obtain the results. **Self-isolation refers to not leaving the house for any reason!**

Main Symptoms

- High temperature
- Continuous new cough
- Loss of taste and smell

We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Remembrance Day

In the height of the Covid pandemic, people and children put rainbows in windows. Remembrance services this year are cancelled, so we thought that to show our respect, we would ask children to draw, paint, collage etc poppies and place them in windows.



Family Pictures

Thank you to all the families who have already sent in pictures. Please can we make another plea for some family pictures to display in school.



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Eat Them To Defeat Them

This week our vegetable was peas. Mrs Stevens made pea soup and pea and cream cheese dip. The children all had a go at tasting peas.



Teams

As you are aware, we recently had to close a bubble in year 3 and 4 due to a positive case of COVID-19. It is a legal requirement, for us as a school, to provide a high quality education for all children during periods of bubble closures or self-isolation. We are providing this through the platform of Microsoft Teams. A few weeks ago, emails were sent with user names and passwords. When the bubble closed, we spent a lot of time trying to resolve any technical issues. To stop any valuable time being wasted, we are asking for all parents to log onto Teams to resolve any issues before we have any further bubble closures. If you have any issues logging on you can contact the school via telephone, email or Class Dojo and we will try to resolve it as quickly as possible. This means we are ready to go live with immediate effect. We have had nothing but positive feedback for Mr Dent and the learning taking place in Barnard Castle class. For those children the high quality learning has continued with the pressure being off parents to home school.

Barnard Castle Class

We can't wait to welcome back years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 21st October.

Attendance

Reception - 97%
Year 1 - 94%
Year 2 - 98%
Year 3 - 100%
Year 4 - 100%
Year 5 - 100%
Year 6 - 98.75%

Happy Birthday to....

- **Isabella**

