The Crescent Academy

News

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December 2020

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HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

This is the final newsletter of 2020 and the days are passing by very quickly – I can't believe we are officially in the run-up to Christmas! Given what a strange year it has been, we are going to make the whole of December a real celebration of all things Christmas for the children! Read more about that in this Newsletter under the 'Christmas Countdown' section.

Given that a new year is on the horizon, I am sure like me, you are all hoping it will be more 'normal' than this one. However, as we reach the end of 2020 I would like to extend the biggest thank you to our families. Throughout some of the most challenging times I have had to face as a Head Teacher your understanding, support and kind messages have gone a long way.

However Christmas is going to look this year, and there is no doubt this will be different to any other, I hope that you all find time to switch off to the difficult times we are facing in the world, to have quality time with your children.

I can't wait to welcome your children back in 2021 for even more learning adventures and to hear all about their Christmas break!

—Adam Clewes

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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!



Every day from Monday 30th November through to Friday December 18th there will be a festive treat/ activity for children to join in with! Each day a new video will be uploaded to the school's YouTube channel from some of the staff to let them know what Christmas activity will be happening each day. You will be able to watch from home too!

As a spoiler alert – there will be two days of dressing up. One will be in Pyjamas and Santa Hats, and the other is Christmas Jumper Day on Friday December 11th!



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!

Here is a reminder of your child's Christmas Celebration this year. As well as the live performances on Zoom, there will be a recording of each performance available afterwards should you not be able to make the live show. This will be on our YouTube channel so don't forget to subscribe if you haven't already done so!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
- *9.30am: Y4NP*
- *10.30am: Y4LS*
- *2pm: Y4SL*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
- *10.30am: Nursery*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7
- *9.30am: Y5PD*
- *10.30am: Y5DJ*
- *2pm: Y5AR*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
- *9.30am: Y3OT*
- *10.30am: Y3LB*
- *2pm: Y3BF*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9
- *9.30am: Y1KB,*
- *10.30am: Y1TK*
- *2pm: Y1CP*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
- *9.30am: Y2GB*
- *10.30am: Y2GL*
- *2pm: Y2LM*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
- *9.30am: Y6NE*
- *10.30am: Y6SW*
- *2pm: Y6TR*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
- *9.30am: Rec HV,*
- *10.30am: Rec AC*
- *2pm: Rec KR*

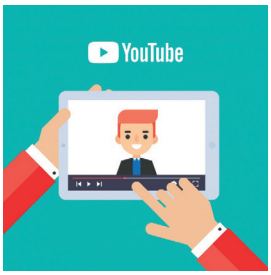


SUBSCRIBE TO YouTube™

If everyone in your child's has to isolate then teachers will upload 3 daily videos to the school's YouTube channel—this can be accessed using this QR Code opposite.

We will also be putting all videos from our 'Countdown to Christmas' on there, along with Christmas performances over the coming month. If the QR code isn't for you, you can also use this link:

youtube.com/channel/UCwUEUIhZpqNEfbHfg6F6aqw



IN OTHER NEWS...



SPORTSATHON 2020

The annual Sportsathon event went ahead last week and I have never seen so many children have such huge smiles whilst enjoying their sporting challenge! Every child who participated will get their own medals, with some special awards in store from Mr Barton too!

A huge well done to the whole school for taking part – back again for Sportsathon 2021!

The prizes from those who were entered into the raffle for each £5 raised go to the following children:

1st Prize: Savina-Sue Staley in Nursery with a family pass to Alton Towers

2nd Prize: Eloise Finney in Y3BF with a Splash Landings Voucher

3rd Prize: Eoin Sheehan in Y6NE with a £30 voucher

Also winning a Stoke City Kit are Andisyn Timperley in Y3LB and Sarah Szasa in Nursey!

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 YET?

If your child is in our Nursery and you'd like them to continue to come to The Crescent, you need to complete your online application. This is done using the following link:

www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions

Then choose Reception and primary school places and follow the instructions on screen.

If you, or someone you know, has a child to start in the Nursery in September, the application for this is online too and is open now! Follow the same link and choose Nursery places.

If you have any problems, call at the office and we will be able to help!

STAFFING NEWS

After the Christmas holiday, Mr Davies is leaving us to go and pursue his ambition of being a Head Teacher. Mr Davies has been the most incredible support to me and has taught many children here at Crescent over the years. Mr Davies and I will keep in touch and I will let you know how he is getting on as he goes to give 450 other children in Stoke-on-Trent an amazing education. He will be a wonderful Head Teacher – good luck Mr Davies!

EDUCATIONAL VISITS IN 2021

As you can appreciate, we are still very much dealing with the unknown at the moment. Whilst I am optimistic we will soon be enjoying things being more like life as we know it, for the meantime, educational visits remain suspended I'm afraid.

SAVE THE DATE!

In order to help plan your calendars, here's the list of what's coming up in December:

- **DECEMBER 2ND TO 16TH**
  Christmas Celebrations online (various dates)
- **DECEMBER 11TH**
  Christmas Jumper Day
- **DECEMBER 17TH**
  Christmas Lunch Day
- **DECEMBER 17TH**
  Autumn Term Awards
- **DECEMBER 14TH TO 18TH**
  Dickensian Christmas Week (Enrichment Week)

AS 2020 ENDS, 2021 BEGINS, WHAT LEARNING IS IN STORE?

All year groups will kick off the New Year, immersed in lots of new learning! Here is what they will be learning about...

Nursery: *The Wonderful World of Rhyme*

Reception: *Journeys*

Year 1: *Who were the greatest explorers?*

Year 2: *Where does our food come from?*

Year 3: *What was new about the Stone Age?*

Year 4: *How does water go round and round?*

Year 5: *Would Vikings do anything for money?*

Year 6: *Why should we remember the Maya*

As always, a Learning Planner and Newsletter with more info from each class will come home in January!



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