

At Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School, we nurture and invest in our relationships. We identify each individual's potential and work as a team to create a safe environment for everyone to grow and succeed.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now entered December and some of our thoughts turn to Christmas. Attached to this letter are the key dates for the school's Christmas activities. Unfortunately, we are still not ready to invite crowds in to school to watch performances but we hope we have provided a plan so that you will be able to share in the festivities, all be it from a safe (remote) distance.

Date	Phase	Event
08/12/2021	Pantomime	R - Yr1 - Yr2
09/12/2021	Nursery	Steve Sausage Christmas Show
09/12/2021	Pantomime	Yr3 - Yr4 - Yr5 - Yr6
09/12/2021	Whole School	Christmas buffet meal
10/12/2021	Whole school	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 voluntary donation per family to Save The Children charity, information to follow)
Ongoing	Yr 5 & 6	12 days of Fairstead Music Video
14/12/2021	Yr 3 & 4	Outdoor Carols – 2.30pm (parents invited)
15/12/2021	Whole school	Christmas dinner
15/12/2021	Whole school	Christmas craft afternoon (children only)
15/12/2021	EYFS	Carols around the Christmas tree – Video for Tapestry
16/12/2021	KS1	Christingle and church visit (information to follow)
17/12/2021	Whole school	Christmas party afternoon Children finish at 3.15pm on the last day

First Aid

In a busy school environment, slips, trips and falls are inevitable. The school provides trained First Aiders, and an adult presence in the playground, in order to provide an immediate response to minor injuries. Increasingly, ice-packs are expected to form part of this response and children often request them for minor injuries. As a school we are seeking to reduce our use of ice packs and whilst we will still use them, they will only be used when necessary. Additional guidance about this can be found [on](#) the school website.

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Website

Please remember to use our school website, www.fairsteadprimaryschool.co.uk. All information on here can be translated in to a large number of different languages including Polish, Latvian, Arabic and Russian.

Punctuality

I have noticed over recent weeks an increasing number of children arriving late to school. Please remember that school starts promptly at **8.45am**.

Covid

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Saturday 27th November there have been some precautionary and temporary measures advised for our risk assessment as a result of the Omicron variant.

The updates to our risk assessment are as follows:

Face Coverings

Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.

Though face coverings are now compulsory on public transport and in shops, **face coverings do not need to be worn when outdoors**. However, we do request that **facemasks** are worn when speaking to the office staff in the front office.

Control Measures

As a school we will continue to:

Ensure good hygiene for everyone. This includes:

- Hand hygiene – frequent and thorough hand cleaning
- Respiratory Hygiene – The ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes using standard products such as detergents
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated. Each class now has a Co2 monitor in places so that we can take steps to improve fresh airflow in to the classrooms and corridor areas.

Asymptomatic testing

- Staff continue to have LFD tests made available to them so that they can test twice weekly.

Have contingency plans in place

- We have an outbreak management plan in place which outlines the extra measures we would take should we be asked to help break chains of transmission. This can be found on our [website](#).

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Pantomime

We have included some additional control measures to ensure everyone's safety during our visit to the pantomime.

1. An extra coach has been booked so that children remain in their phase groups when travelling.
2. Seating has been arranged so that children remain in their phase groups with space in between each group.
3. Staff will wear masks when moving around the theatre.
4. A large divide between our school and the other visiting school will be in place.
5. Existing control measures such as washing hands will remain in place.

Whilst the latest updates from the Prime Minister may have heightened anxiety around COVID-19 we have been extremely successful working together as a community to manage the impact of the pandemic at Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School.

Thank you for your continued co-operation

Yours Sincerely

Daniel Farthing
Headteacher

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