

THE "LOW" DOWN

Lowerhouses CE (VC) JI
& EY School



17th

December

2020

*Working and achieving together to enrich lives
and nurture bright futures*

Christmas message

As we close for the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate all we have achieved as a school and community. We have managed to remain open to all our children for all the term (except for two weeks for one bubble). This is a massive achievement as many schools do not find themselves in such a strong position. This is down to the hard work of the families who are following the DFE guidelines and expectations set out by school and the school staff for working hard to maintain the highest standards of hygiene and follow all the guidelines put in place. So, I would like to thank everyone for their support during this time.

Obviously, our Christmas celebrations have been a little different in school this year, but we have still had lots of fun. Year 2 filmed the Nativity in an actual stable, Christmas parties have still happened, KS1 and EY have enjoyed a Christmas performance from Spike Bonzo and all have taken part in a Reindeer run around school. We have had Christmas dinner and danced around to Christmas music making us feel upbeat and festive.

As we go into the holidays, I would like to ask you to remember the guidelines and rules that are in place from the Government. Please be careful and adhere to these expectations so we can have a positive return to school in January with minimal disruption.

COVID-19 update

We were pleased to welcome back the Nursery and Reception children and staff this week following their bubble closure.

An important letter was emailed on Monday to outline the symptom reporting guidance for over the Christmas holidays. Please ensure you read this letter and make yourself aware of the procedures. Many thanks for your continued support.

Reminder

A reminder that school is closed tomorrow, Friday 18th December, as it is an INSET Day.

Diary Dates

Thurs 17 th Dec	Kirkwood Hospice Reindeer Run
Thurs 17 th Dec	EY & KS1 parties – am KS2 parties – pm
Thurs 17th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays 3.15pm
Mon 4th Jan 2021	INSET Day – school closed
Tues 5th Jan	School reopens



End of term report

Your child will bring home their end of term report today which gives you an indication of their attainment, their attendance and their effort in school over the term. Please look out for this in your child's book bag.

Year 2 Nativity

What a magical time Year 2 had visiting the 'Stepping Out Alpaca Trekking' Farm on Kaye Lane to film their nativity play. The owners (and animals!) made us extremely welcome and the children had great fun performing with the donkey and goats!

Check out the farm's Facebook page for information about their trekking experiences, children's parties and future events.



Parental consultation

The DFE have released information about the statutory and non statutory requirements for Relationship and Sex Education and Health Education curriculum (commonly known as RSHE). In January, we will share this information with you and ask for your views via a survey. Please look out for the information in the new year.

Holiday Dates 2020 – 2021

School Opens

School Closes

Monday 2nd November 2020

Thursday 17th December 2020

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 26th March 2021

Monday 12th April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

Other dates to remember

Monday 3rd May 2021 - May Day School closed