

Week commencing: Monday 3rd January 2021

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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| Monday 3 rd January | SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS; BANH HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 4 th January | SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS; STAFF TRAINING |
| Wednesday 5 th January | WE WELCOME ALL CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL |
| | School Dinners Week 1 |
| | Relax Kids for some children |
| Thursday 6 th January | YEARS 1, 2 AND 3 GO TO THE PANTOMINE TO SEE GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS |
| | Rights Respecting Group Meeting with Dr Warrack |
| Friday 7 th January | YEARS 4, 5 AND 6 GO TO THE PANTOMINE TO SEE GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS |

COVID-19



On Tuesday 14th December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 was introduced in England.

All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days. If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

School staff will continue to self-test regularly twice weekly, throughout the Christmas break.

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

"THE BEST WAY
TO SPREAD
CHRISTMAS CHEER
IS SINGING LOUD
FOR ALL TO HEAR."

-Will Ferrell, 'Elf'



I sincerely hope that you all have an amazing holiday and send messages of love, peace, prosperity and good health on behalf of everyone at Hill West.

Over the next two weeks, as much as you can, enjoy the company of those you love, do what makes you happy and fill your home with love, laughter and much singing!

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Guidance for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and keeping children safe online

The Children's Commissioner is today launching [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online](#).

"The things I wish my parents had known" draws together advice from 16 to 21 year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography. The Commissioner's office began a programme of work focussing on peer-on-peer abuse following the avalanche of testimonies on the [Everyone's Invited](#) website, which laid bare an epidemic of sexual violence among teens. This was picked up in [Ofsted's June 2021 review of sexual harassment in schools and colleges](#).

A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10.

The Children's Commissioner would be grateful for the support of schools and colleges in disseminating this guide to as many parents and carers as possible. She hopes that her guide will serve as a useful starting point to raise awareness and understanding of online harassment, and to complement key messages on the new relationships and sex education curriculum.

GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS PANTOMIME

BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY AND FRIDAY 7TH JANUARY 2021

Thursday 6th January 2021 – Years 1, 2 & 3

Lunch at school as normal before leaving.
Children will arrive back at school for 5.30pm.

Friday 7th January 2021 – Years 4, 5 & 6

Lunch at school as normal before leaving.
Children will arrive back at school for 5.30pm.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS



One of our parents has suggested that we ask you, at the end of the festive season this year, to donate your child's Christmas Jumper to school so it can be recycled and offered to a younger child in school in readiness for Christmas 2022. We think this is a wonderful idea and would support all families to enjoy Christmas without an additional expense. Further details will be issued at the start of the new term.

**★Merry★
Christmas**

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