



# Oughton Primary & Nursery School

## December 2021

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it has been a very busy term and with Christmas looming, will continue to be so!

### Covid-19 update and changes in place

As you are aware, we have had positive cases within school and we are rigorously monitoring the situation. We continually adapt our provision within school regarding the situation. As I write this newsletter, we are not in an Outbreak situation as cases have been reducing. Please bear in mind, this situation could change but hopefully, cases will continue to drop.

Please ensure that if your child has any symptoms regarding Covid-19, please book them a PCR test and self-isolate. The drive through centres are quick and easy and the results are coming back within 24 hours. Please inform us and let us know immediately when you receive a result as we need to track any positive cases within school. Thank you to those Parents who have carried out PCR tests. Some of the children who tested positive did not have the normal symptoms, yet felt unwell.

If your child is at home due to Covid, but is well enough to learn, work is set via Microsoft Teams, following the same system as our home learning. If you have any problems with this, please contact the office and we will help you. We are able to lend families laptops. It is important that children do not fall behind in their learning.

Due to Covid cases, we have adapted our Christmas productions this year and are recording these, rather than have live performances. We will send links out to Parents. Please bear in mind, we have had a lot of children off school this term, many not due to Covid with common colds and seasonal illnesses and we have needed to make changes, especially regarding Year 1 and Year 2.

At the present time, the Gordon Craig Theatre Pantomime trip is going ahead. We have been given the Theatre's risk assessment which states ventilation: extraction maximized and recirculation is minimized. We will be sitting in class rows and are at the moment working out coaches, minimalising classes mixing. We will be limiting classes mixing throughout the trip and staff will be wearing face coverings. If there are any changes regarding this trip, we will let you know via ParentMail.

Thank you everyone! Families have worked with speed to try to stop the spread of Covid. I appreciate your support in this very challenging situation which has impacted children, Parents and staff.

### Staff News

Mrs Evans, who is a Teaching Assistant who works across the school is still in hospital undergoing treatment. We keep in touch and wish her a speedy recovery.

We say goodbye to Miss Mossman, who works as a Teaching Assistant in Reception, at the end of this term as she is moving house and job. We wish her every success.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Lewis, who works in the office, at the end of this term. Mrs Lewis starts a new job next term. She is continuing as our Clerk to Governors in the new year. We welcome Mrs King to our Office team and she will be starting work in the front office in January.

### Other

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. It is important that children start the day in a positive way and do not miss the start of their lessons. Late children coming through the front entrance disrupts the work of the Office staff. Please ensure that you read all ParentMail messages. It is vital that everyone is up to date with school information.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

**Lisa Clayton**  
**Headteacher**

### Health and Safety

**Please make sure we always have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses so that we are able to get hold of Parents in an emergency. Please check ParentMail and read all messages sent out.**

### Calendar

2021 / 2022 dates are on our website.

### **Wednesday 8th December:**

School Christmas dinner

### **Friday 10th December:**

Christmas Jumper day

### **Tuesday 14th December:**

Christmas Tree Festival - details to follow.

### **Wednesday 15th December:**

Reception to Year 6 trip to Pantomime

### **Friday 17th December: last day, finish normal time**

### **Wednesday 5th January: Inset**

Day - no children in school

### **Thursday 6th January: Back to school.**

### Friends of Oughton

We have a new committee running the Friends of Oughton.

At the moment, they are selling raffle tickets for a Christmas raffle.

Please see prior ParentMail messages regarding this.

### Governor Update

Governors have continued to meet virtually across the term.

Mrs Holmes has taken part in the recruitment of the Office staff.

Mrs Nearney has continued to meet with Mrs Clayton.

Governors have met (most virtually) with their Link Subject Leaders to discuss the curriculum.