



Where Learning is Fun!

Culcheth Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Where Learning is Fun!

Covid Testing School

We are delighted to have been selected to be a **testing school** for Public Health England. Every child and staff member will get the chance to be tested for both Covid 19 and for antibodies 6 times between November and June next year.

The full details of the study have been sent out by email. You need to register your child if you would like them to be tested as part of the study – no one will be forced to be tested. The link to the testing is not live yet, but will be sent to you early next week.

The testing will inform us whether anyone in school has Covid19, is asymptomatic or whether they have antibodies. We hope that by most of our school family taking the test, we will keep school an even safer place to be.

If children or staff are identified as having the virus, even if they are asymptomatic, we can ask them to isolate which will prevent potential spread of the disease.

The tests are very simple and NOT like the tests that are carried out at testing centres. The antibody test is taken by sucking on a spong lollipop. The Covid test is taken by a low swab, just inside the nostril, with a swab resembling a cotton bud.

There is a helpline to answer any queries that you may have: 0800 971 9679

You can also email them at:
schoolinfectionsurvey@nhs.net

Thank you



Poppy Appeal

We will be selling Poppies, Snap bands and bracelets after half-term.

Mrs Dodd will have a table outside on Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th November .

If you would like to make a donation, please bring change to place straight into the official collection tin.

We know that charities have had their fundraising reduced substantially by the current situation and would love to give our support by raising lots of funds this year.

Happy Holidays !

Thank you for your support over the past few weeks. It has been a challenging half term but we have have been lucky enough to get this far without any school closures.

We would like to wish you all a pleasant and restful half-term holiday.

We reopen on Monday 2nd November.

Advice from DfE re extra layers of clothing in school

The DfE have advised that schools should allow pupils to wear 'additional, suitable items of indoor clothing' during the winter months. This is due to classrooms being colder and the need to keep spaces well ventilated at all times.

Children can therefore wear vests, t-shirts or skins under their uniform and a double layer of jumpers if they feel cold.



Commended Awards



The following children have been commended – **WELL DONE!**

Rec	The whole class
Yr1	Olivia, Skye
Yr 2	Charlie, Felix, Leo, Imelda, Isobel
Yr 3	The whole class
Yr 4	Pippa, Eric, Harry O, Harlow
Yr 5	Bobby, Lilly K, Bradley
Yr 6	Keegan, Sam, Kara, Amelia

We now have a virtual assembly so that we can have our whole school family together on screen through a Google Meet.

Events this week.....

Flu vaccinations took place on Tuesday, catch up sessions will be held on Mon 9th Nov.

Lisa our Yoga Teacher worked with all the children again on Thursday as part of mindfulness and wellbeing



School Council

Our School Council have had their first meetings this half term. The upper Juniors asked for more reading books – these have been ordered and will be given out after half term.

The school Council have also been working hard to choose designs for new equipment for the Junior playground. We hope to have exciting new play equipment installed in the near future. Some lucky children will be chosen to visit the factory to watch our new equipment being manufactured.

We are trying to find ways to bring excitement, fun and pleasure to our children at this difficult time.



School Lottery

Join our School Lottery and be in with a chance of winning some great prizes each week as well as the chance to win £10,000!! The deal this month is to win a family ticket for 4 for the Harry Potter Studio Tour. The winning family will receive a voucher for the tour that can be used at any time within 12 months.

We have 53 supporters at the moment who raise £1883 each year for school funds – thank you! Two more than last week – thank you for joining!

If we could raise the number of our supporters so that every family had at least one ticket, we could raise around £4000 a year and the jackpots would get even bigger!

Please support our School and join at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk.

Just £1 a week will make such a difference to our school – thank you!

WINNER THIS WEEK:

Mrs Phillips - £25.20



SPOOKY DAY – FRI 23/10

Thank you to our children and staff for taking part in 'Spooky Day' today!

We had some fantastic outfits and the children enjoyed a themed lunch of brains and wiggly worms, they also enjoyed making Halloween style treats in class.

Diary Dates

20/10	Flu Vaccinations in school
23/10	Spooky Day – dress up (optional)
23/10	Finish for October half term
2/11	Return to School
3/11	School Photos
5/11	Yr3 trip to Beeston
10/11	Skipping workshop in school
12/11	Yr1 to Warrington Museum
13/11	New Age Kurling workshop in school
24/11	Yr 2 to All Saints Church (half class)
25/11	Yr 2 to All Saints Church (half class)
27/11	Christmas Bottle Raffle
11/12	Christmas Draw
17/12	Christmas lunch
17/12	Outdoor Christmas fair + xmas jumper day
18/12	Lunch – grab a bag
18/12	Finish for Christmas

ParentPay Glitch

There is a glitch in Parentpay, it will let you book school lunch next week even though we are on holiday!

If you have booked this by mistake, don't worry as no charge will be made to your account. Thank you

Don't forget your Pumpkins!

Get ready for Halloween. Have you got your Pumpkin yet?

Ratcliffe House Farm in Culcheth are offering 'Pumpkin Pick-Up' on Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October from 10am - 4pm.

No need to get out of your car! Your chosen pumpkin will be put in your boot, the cost is £3 per pumpkin.

Contact ratcliffehf@gmail.com for more information.



CHRISTMAS



Ideas for Christmas

Even though we can't have our usual Christmas Fair, we still have lots of exciting ideas for Christmas.

End of Nov - our famous 'bottle draw' – tickets £1 each and will be on ParentPay, buy as many as you like, prizes will be sent home at the end of the day.

Fri 11th Dec – XMAS Raffle. Donations requested please. Again tickets will be available to buy on ParentPay £1 each

Thur 17th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day! Christmas Lunch. Outside Christmas Stalls at 3pm.

Fri 18th Dec – Grab a bag lunch – please book on ParentPay as usual.

The last two days before we finish for Christmas will be decoration activities, film, food or snacks from home – more info will follow nearer the time.

We are trying to create as many opportunities as possible for the children to look forward to, as we realise that many things outside school will have changed this year.