



Crosby Ravensworth C.E. (A) Primary School

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Dear Parents

We've reached the last Friday of the year in Crosby Ravensworth School and we can reflect on a rollercoaster of a year. I'd like to start this bulletin by thanking everyone for their patience and understanding over the past week in particular. The school remains in 'outbreak' mode, but by helping us to follow the advice of Public Health Cumbria, you've all improved the odds of a healthy, non-quarantined, Christmas for the school and its surrounding community.

Commenting on the general situation for the county at present, the director of Public Health, Colin Cox, has commented:

"Thankfully cases are continuing to fall this week which is encouraging. However, with confirmation the Omicron variant has been detected in the UK, we must remain cautious until we learn more about it. The government has introduced new precautionary measures until that happens and I urge everyone to follow the guidance as closely as they can. This means wearing face coverings in shops and on public transport, self-isolating for 10 days if you've been in contact with someone infected with the Omicron variant and taking a PCR test if you've been abroad before day 2 following your return the UK. COVID booster vaccines are also set to be rolled out for anyone aged 18+ over the coming weeks in response to Omicron, but for now if you're aged 40 and over, [book your booster vaccine](#) as soon as you can."

For more information on the latest COVID-19 guidelines in response to the Omicron variant, visit [GOV.UK/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus). The department for Health have also been in touch with Santa to record a message, which can be watched here. [Santa's message](#).

Pantomime at Carlisle

Following updated advice from public health, we've been advised that we will not be able to visit Carlisle to watch the pantomime this year. We're extremely sorry for the disappointment this causes, however we're pleased to say that our tickets have been transferred over to next year.

Message from the Village Hall

We regret to inform you that due to the current COVID situation, the children's film and Christmas party next Thursday has now been cancelled.

Afterschool clubs

Afterschool club continues to be closed next week. Please contact the school if you require emergency child-care to support work commitments next week so arrangements can be made. A new list of afterschool clubs for January will be advertised in next week's bulletin.

Home learning

Parents of younger children will enjoy [reading the attached link](#) which contains suggested learning activities at home.



Christmas cake raffle squares

As is traditional, Sarah Rogers has kindly baked a 'well-fed Christmas Cake' as a fundraiser for the Friends of the school. We'd encourage you to buy squares on the attached sheet at £1 each and return these with your plastic wallets on Monday. Please do ask friends and family if they would also like to buy squares so we can raise as much money as possible. The draw will take place on Wednesday and the winner notified immediately. Thank you for your support.

Christmas recorders

Carolyn will support the children in Class 2 as they perform Christmas carols on their recorders on Wednesday afternoon. The session will be recorded and made available for parents to watch on the school website. Children are encouraged to practise over the weekend at home.

Reminder – end of term

Parents are reminded that school breaks up for Christmas next Thursday at 2pm.

Messy Christingle

Messy Church this month is being combined with our Christingle service to create a "Messy Christingle". We're gathering with our friends from the local area for a combined service in Morland Church on **Sunday 19 December at 11.00am**. It will be messy, so please don't wear your Sunday best. **Facemasks** will need to be worn, under new government guidance, except when eating and singing.

We will have shared refreshments (if you would like to bring some cake or biscuits for sharing, to suit your dietary requirements, please do, but don't worry if not).

We will be taking up a **collection for the Children's Society**.

Carol Service

Although Covid has meant that school cannot be involved in the Carol Service, Stewart has asked us to say that it is still going ahead as a community event and everyone is invited to attend. Facemasks will need to be worn (except to sing). Wednesday 15 December at 6.00pm in St Lawrence, Crosby Ravensworth. It will be Stewart's last service in Crosby.

A message from our departing governor, Rev Stewart Fyfe

After 11 (nearly 12) years here as vicar, the time has come for me to move on to pastures new. I have been appointed the Archdeacon of West Cumberland and will be moving to Abbeytown on the Solway Firth in mid January. It means a number of changes. Firstly, an Archdeacon is the Bishop's assistant, overseeing the wider church, so I won't have a parish of my own any more. Secondly, it means that I will be referred to as a Venerable, instead of a Reverend (like the Venerable Bede!) And thirdly, most sadly, it means leaving behind all my friends and this wonderful community. It is an exciting new opportunity, but I really wish we didn't have to leave you all behind. We go with many treasured memories and want to thank you all for being such a special community and for taking us to your hearts. We will miss you hugely. I'm pleased to say, however, that we're not going so far away and for the time being, Carolyn will continue to come into school for music and recorders.

I'm sorry that Covid means we haven't had a chance to say a proper goodbye, but I hope to see some of you at the Carol Service for a final farewell. God bless you all. Stewart



Duncan Priestley, Headteacher

A love of learning for life in all its fullness John 10:10
Courage, Compassion, Community



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