

# Culverstone Green Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of November, we start to look forward to December and the exciting build up to Christmas. While, for obvious reasons, Christmas and the build up to it won't be the same as in other years and we won't be able to host the variety of activities we normally would, the school has some exciting plans to bring the Christmas spirit to CGPS. We will be able to share more with you in the coming weeks.

## Virtual tour video:

Over the weekend, we look forward to finally launching our virtual tour video. Keep an eye on the school website and Facebook page to get a first look at our wonderful school in action.

**Christmas lunch:** Christmas lunch will take place on Friday 11th December. Bookings must be made by Tuesday 8th December at <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/>. If you have already booked

a lunch for that day please log in

to your

account

and change

your order.

Please see the menu.



**Flu nasal vaccine:** The school immunisation team will be at school on Monday 30th November to administer the flu nasal vaccine to those children whose parents have given online consent.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** On Friday 11th December, we will be supporting the annual 'Christmas Jumper Day' appeal for 'Save the Children UK'.



Children may wear Christmas jumpers to school with their normal school uniform, with a donation towards the charity, which can be made on the school's Just Giving page using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cid200006935>

**Elf Day:** On Wednesday 16th December 2020, Elf Day is back! This year, Christmas cheer is needed more than ever, so Elf Day is not only for Key Stage 1, but also for Key Stage 2! Children can choose to come into school wearing Elf costumes, but of course, in the circumstances we find ourselves in this may not be possible - so anything red or green will do too! You may even want to wear your Christmas jumper for a second occasion! We are taking this opportunity to not only spread some Christmas cheer, but to raise money for the NHS (The National "Elf" Service!), after the incredible work they have done this year. Donations will need to be made via our "NHS Charities Together" Just Giving page, using the link below:

**NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER**

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Many thanks in advance for your support.

**PTA Fund Raising:** Easyfundraising is the easiest way to raise money for Culverstone Green School PTA. As many of us will be shopping online this year, please consider signing up to and using Easy Fundraising #easyfundraising to support Culverstone Green Primary School PTA. It's easy and 4,200+ shops will donate to them for FREE when you shop online via Easyfundraising. Search for the retailer on Easyfundraising & click on the link in their website to take you through to your retailer & once you've purchased, the retailer will donate to our PTA.

Sign up: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/culverstonegreenpta/?invite=Y826AY&referral-campaign=s2s>

**Christmas cards and presents:** It is with regret that this year we will be unable to send and distribute Christmas cards in school. Of course we know that we all wish each other a Merry Christmas; we will have many different opportunities to celebrate Christmas in school and hopefully be able to share many of the photos and videos with you.

Each year, many of you wish to give gifts to teachers and school staff which is always very much appreciated. This year, we ask that you don't purchase gifts for school staff, instead why not consider an extra donation to the worthy charities we are supporting with Elf Day (raising money for the NHS) and Christmas Jumper Day (raising money for Save the Children).

**Warm clothing:** Government guidance remains that well ventilated rooms, with free flowing air, is one of the best methods to minimise the spread of the Covid virus. Therefore, schools are advised that doors and windows should remain open to allow a free flow of air. So with this in mind, we would suggest that children wear an extra layer of clothing below their uniform or bring a body warmer to school during these colder months as classrooms will not be as warm and cosy as they usually would. Unfortunately, our uniform supplier is currently out of stock of fleeces as demand has been so high.

**Collections:** If your child is going to be collected by an adult who does not normally collect them, please inform the office in advance. We will be unable to release a child to someone different without permission from the parent or carer first, this could therefore delay pick up while we contact you for authorisation.

**Parking:** The school has continued to receive complaints from local residents and parents, on a daily basis, regarding the parking of some parents outside of the school and in the surrounding areas. On more than one occasion, transport from a Special School has been unable to access a house to collect children to take them to their school, due to the inconsiderate parking.

Please be considerate in the way you park, don't block driveways or entrances, don't leave your car idling and don't block the bus stops. In particular, please do not park on the corner of Willow Walk and Wrotham Road. There is plenty of parking available at Culverstone Community Centre, located on Whitepost Lane, which is a short walk to school.

**Nut free:** We have several children with severe nut allergies. Please do not include any products containing nuts in your child's packed lunch.

**Playtime items:** There has been an increase in the amount of toys and bouncy balls being brought into school. At the current time, only essential items should be brought to school.

**Last day of term:** Children will finish for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 18th December.

Please note, there will be no after school club on the last day of term.

Collection times for the last day are:

**Year R, 1 & 2 hub— 1.00pm**

**Year 3 & 4 hub - 1.15pm**

**Year 5 & 6 hub— 1.30pm**

Start times are as usual.

**Google Classroom:** As you know, homework is set via our learning platform, Goggle Classroom. Each of the children have their own login details. It is important that the children engage with work set on Google Classroom, the school will soon move to paperless homework, with all work set on the learning platform. More details will follow next week regarding this and our learning platform.

If you are having any difficulties accessing Google Classroom or have difficulties accessing equipment or wifi, please contact the school office to make us aware.

**Dates for the diary:**

Mon 30th Nov—Flu nasal vaccines for all year groups

Fri 11th Dec—Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 16th Dec—Elf Day

Fri 18th Dec—End of Term 2