



Ashwater Primary School
Newsletter No.11 Autumn Term.
13th December 2021
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Dear Parents,

It was with great sadness that we had to cancel the Ashwater plays at such short notice last week along with the Christmas Fair. I am very sorry for the disappointment this will have caused.

We had to take the decision on known facts. Halwill School had gone from two cases on Friday to more than 20 by Monday morning. Thankfully, because we alerted parents to the handful of cases over the weekend and by asking parents to test their children, asymptomatic cases were caught, so the children were kept at home and this has helped to stem the outbreak.

It did not feel sensible to therefore invite parents into Ashwater School on the same day, knowing how quickly cases spread and how high the rates are locally.

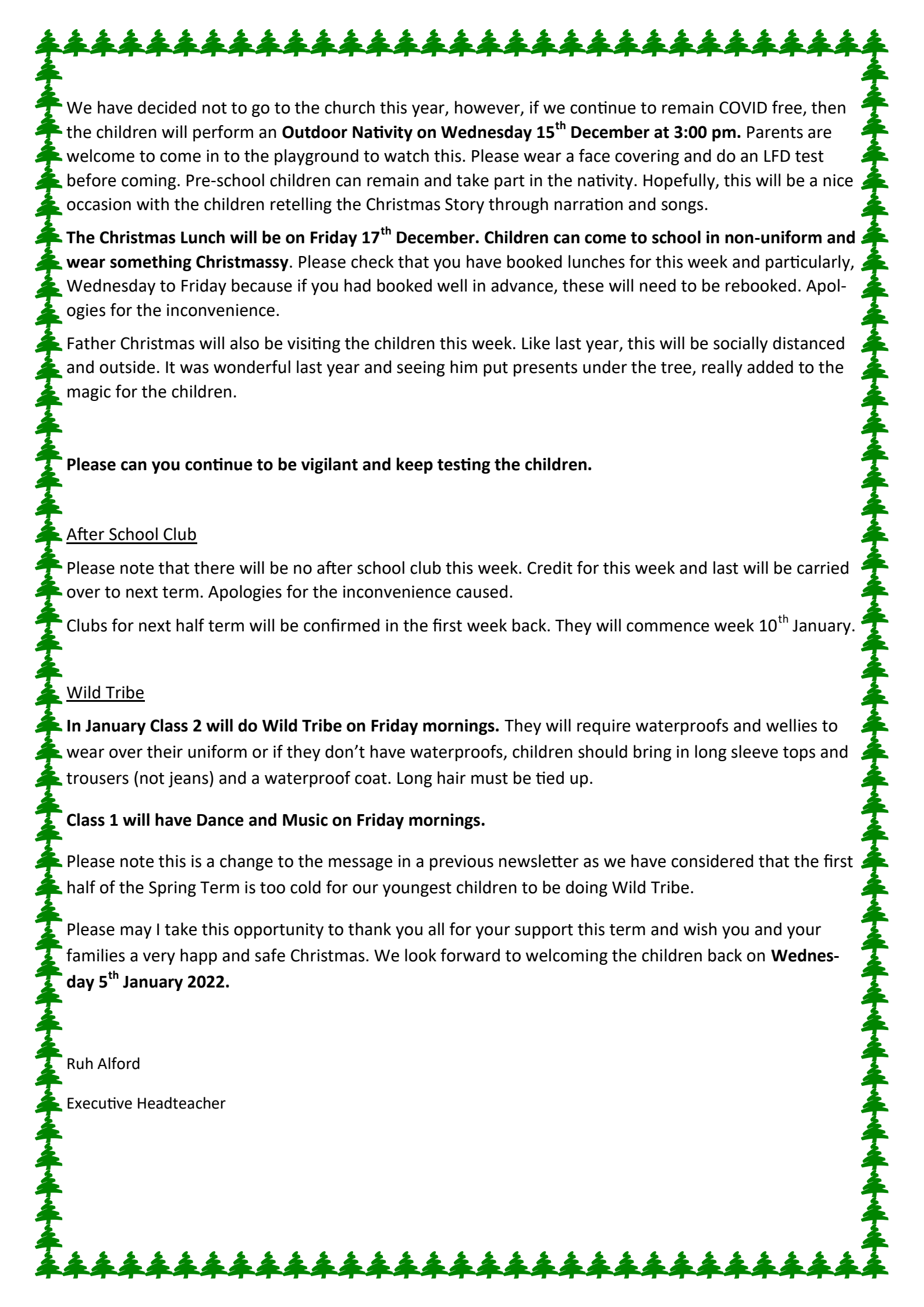
Ashwater has remained without cases which I think demonstrates that the decision taken was the right one.

Ailie Wilson has now finished her isolation so is back in school this week. As the situation has settled at Halwill and as I keep testing, all being well, I will be back in Ashwater on Wednesday.

Rest assured the Christmas spirit continues within the school. The children have enjoyed a number of Christmas activities and teachers have recorded the play, which will be shared on Facebook later this week. Miss Squire also Zoomed in to teach virtual dance lessons last week.

We are very grateful for the Christmas tree, bought for us by the PTFA and that were able to have the craft party for the children and the light switch-on.





We have decided not to go to the church this year, however, if we continue to remain COVID free, then the children will perform an **Outdoor Nativity on Wednesday 15th December at 3:00 pm**. Parents are welcome to come in to the playground to watch this. Please wear a face covering and do an LFD test before coming. Pre-school children can remain and take part in the nativity. Hopefully, this will be a nice occasion with the children retelling the Christmas Story through narration and songs.

The Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 17th December. Children can come to school in non-uniform and wear something Christmassy. Please check that you have booked lunches for this week and particularly, Wednesday to Friday because if you had booked well in advance, these will need to be rebooked. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Father Christmas will also be visiting the children this week. Like last year, this will be socially distanced and outside. It was wonderful last year and seeing him put presents under the tree, really added to the magic for the children.

Please can you continue to be vigilant and keep testing the children.

After School Club

Please note that there will be no after school club this week. Credit for this week and last will be carried over to next term. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Clubs for next half term will be confirmed in the first week back. They will commence week 10th January.

Wild Tribe

In January Class 2 will do Wild Tribe on Friday mornings. They will require waterproofs and wellies to wear over their uniform or if they don't have waterproofs, children should bring in long sleeve tops and trousers (not jeans) and a waterproof coat. Long hair must be tied up.

Class 1 will have Dance and Music on Friday mornings.

Please note this is a change to the message in a previous newsletter as we have considered that the first half of the Spring Term is too cold for our youngest children to be doing Wild Tribe.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term and wish you and your families a very happy and safe Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

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Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

December

15th Outdoor Nativity 3pm

17th Christmas Lunch and End of Term

January

5th Children return to school

19th Reading meeting for parents 3.30pm
Read, Write Inc

20th Flu Immunisations

February

16th Reading meeting for parents 3.30pm

Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey
(Pigs in blankets, stuffing & gravy)

Or

Vegetarian Crown
(Stuffing and gravy)

Vegetables: Roast potatoes, carrots,
peas & sprouts

Dessert:

Christmas pudding with custard

Or

Strawberry ice cream and meringue

Or

Fresh fruit

Contacting Ashwater School

The school office (01409 211228) is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you urgently need to contact a member of staff when the office is closed please either call the Classroom direct line or contact Halwill school on 01409 221476.

Please remember to order your School lunches via schoolmoney by Friday of each week. This helps us cater correctly. Thank you.

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:
• a high temperature
• a new, continuous cough, or
• a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy,
dial 111 or see your GP

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• a new, continuous cough, or
• a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test