



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The past 12 weeks have flown past and it's been great to see the children so well settled into the new school year. With just over 5 weeks left of the first term, we have lots still to fit in!

Dates for the diary:

Friday 19 th Nov	Children in Need Day
Saturday 20 th Nov	1 st AQE Assessment
Tuesday 23 rd Nov	PTA Meeting – 7pm
Saturday 27 th Nov	2 nd AQE Assessment
Friday 3 rd Dec	P1 Open Morning 9.30am – 10.30am
Saturday 4 th Dec	3 rd AQE Assessment
Wednesday 8 th Dec	School Dinner Christmas Lunch
Thursday 9 th Dec	Last day of Afterschool Activity Clubs for 2021
Friday 10 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15 th Dec	Last day of Swimming for 2021 (KS2)
Thursday 16 th Dec	Christmas Activities – more details to follow – parents invited
Friday 17 th Dec	Last day of Term 1 – school will close at 12pm – no school dinners
Wednesday 5 th Jan	First day of Term 2

Children in Need Day – Friday 19th

Let's do our bit to raise some much needed money for children and families in need. Children are encouraged to wear pyjamas and in support of Anti-bullying in week, they could also wear odd socks to show their understanding of the campaign. The school council will be selling buns at 50p each and all donations in aid of Children in Need are welcome!



AQE Assessments

I'm sure you will all join us in sending a massive **Good Luck** message to our own p7's and their friends who are taking part in the assessments in the coming weeks.



PTA Meeting – Tuesday 23rd @ 7pm

Could we remind all parents that masks should be worn where possible. We look forward to seeing you all!

P1 Open Morning – Friday 3rd December

We look forward to having some new faces to welcome to the school, even if your child has been to the school for a visit previously but is due to start school in September 2022, feel free to come along and see what's new. Please share the details with any friends or family who might be interested in their child attending the school. If anyone is unable to attend on the day we will more than happy to schedule another time for a visit.

Also, we have a fantastic poster which promotes the school and we would love to get it out to some local business or locations where it would be seen. If anyone can help with distributing this, we would really appreciate it!

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th

In aid of Save the Children we are inviting the children to wear a Christmas themed jumper or top, donations of £1 should be brought on the day.



Cash for Kids Mission Christmas Appeal



We would like to invite any parents who wish to donate to this appeal to drop gifts off with us and we will take them to the official drop off points. The aim is that no child will wake up without a Christmas present on Christmas Day! If you prefer to make a food donation we will be happy to deliver this to the foodbank for the local area. Any questions please contact Miss Baker in the office.

Reminders

Please ensure all children bring a waterproof coat or jacket to school every day to keep them warm and dry over the coming months. Outdoor play is so important to their health and wellbeing; our wonderfully unpredictable weather doesn't always agree though!

We must promote a healthy lunch and snack time as part of our curriculum. That said we have noticed a lot of sugary snacks lately and would ask that parents do their best to send a healthy lunch as often as possible. Fruit, vegetables, yoghurts and nutritious sandwich fillings are advised. Children should bring a filled water bottle every day and they can refill where necessary. We would also remind parents that no NUT products should be sent into school as we have a child with a severe nut allergy.

Please report all absences to the office or teacher on the first day your child(ren) will be missing from class. We must keep a record of all absences and their reasons. Please continue to be mindful of the symptoms of Covid 19 and test children where necessary.

Any changes or requests for last minute bookings for Breakfast Club, Wraparound Care or Afterschool Activity Clubs should be requested via a phone call or on Dojo to Miss Baker.

As always Thank You for your support!