



Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by

Although life in school is a little bit different, it continues to be busy and full of cheer. Over the last week days the children have had a fun packed time whilst making sure they are doing their best to keep each other safe.

We appreciate your kindness

We have received lots of lovely cards with kind and positive messages to our team at Yealmpton, this is really appreciated and valued, especially at the end of a tricky Autumn Term. Thank you for taking the time to pass on your kind words of support.

Last two days

As we approach the end of term, I would like to clarify the procedures concerning Covid-19. Whilst the following is reiterating the guidance that we have all been following for a number of months, as Headteacher of Yealmpton, I feel it is important to be as clear as possible as we approach the 10 day isolation period before Christmas day. If your child or any member of the household develops **one or more** of the following symptoms, the family needs to self-isolate immediately:

- ✚ A high temperature
- ✚ A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- ✚ A loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The symptomatic person will need to get a Covid-19 test as soon as possible. You, your child and anyone else you live with, should self-isolate by staying at home and not having any visitors until a test result is received - only leave your home to have the test. Anyone within your support bubble should also stay at home.

Christmas Holidays-Track & Trace

If any members of our families have developed any symptoms that require a Covid-19 test, the school has worked with parents and NHS Test and Trace to respond accordingly and advise self-isolation. The Department for Education has requested that all schools continue to support the NHS Test and Trace for a further six days after we break for Christmas therefore, please can we ask you to report any positive cases that may occur up until 23rd December by emailing admin@yealmpton-primary.devon.sch.uk

Returning from the holidays

Please can you notify the school by the email mentioned above if anyone within your household has a positive test result, is waiting for a test, is displaying symptoms or is self-isolating during the weekend prior to our return to school. This will allow us to update our records and support you in the best way we can in time for the Spring Term that begins on Tuesday 5th January.

It all starts with a list!

We are a school that have strong values and believe in showing everyone respect and having a positive 'can do' attitude'. The five bee values of respect, responsibility, positivity, fairness and kindness are very important to us.



Respect ♦ **Responsibility** ♦ **Positivity** ♦
Fairness ♦ **Kindness** ♦

As we start the festive break, why not start the season with a generous attitude? Another important value, instead of encouraging your child to write a Christmas wish list, why don't you get them to write a Christmas giving list. Have them write out the ways they would like to help other people this year. Here are a few prompts for a list:

- **I would like to help**
- **I would like to donate**
- **I would like to send a Christmas card to**
- **I would like to make**
- **I would like to give**

Encouraging your children to be generous either by donating time, goods, or money; there is always some way to help those in need. Generosity is all about giving freely without expecting something in return, sharing what you have and spending time with each other. Maybe baking some Gingerbread biscuits could be on your to do list during the holidays.



GINGERBREAD RECIPE



Ingredients

350g Flour ♦ 100g Margarine ♦ 3 tsp Ground Ginger
 1.5 tsp Ground Cinnamon ♦ 1 tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
 175g Soft Brown Sugar ♦ 4 tbsp Golden Syrup
 1 Medium Egg (Beaten) ♦ Icing Tubes & Sweets to Decorate

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180° or Gas 4
2. Put the flour, margarine, ginger, cinnamon and bicarbonate of soda into a mixing bowl and mix it all together with your fingertips until crumbly.
3. Add the sugar, syrup and egg and mix until it forms a firm dough.
4. Dust your surface and rolling pin with flour.
5. Roll out the Dough to about 5mm thick.
6. Cut out your chosen shapes (makes about 15)
7. Place the gingerbread on a greased baking tray.
8. Bake until golden (approximately 12 minutes)
9. Once cool, decorate with icing and sweets.



On behalf of all the staff at Yealmpton Primary, I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas & Happy New Year!

Best wishes

Louise Young
Head teacher

