

Lower Kersal Community Primary School

A School Where Everyone Matters

IMPORTANT UPDATES

DEC 2018

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day will be held on Friday December 14th 2018. For a small donation of £1 children can come dressed in their favourite jumper (it does not have to be a Christmas-themed one if children do not have one). All money collected on this day will be sent to Save The Children.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES

School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 21st December 2018.

School re-opens on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8.55am.

SCHOOL REPORTS AND PARENTS EVENING

Reports for this term will be sent out on Wednesday 19th December 2018. These reports will give you an update on your child's work this term. They will also be the focus of our first Parents Evening of the year. Parents Evening will be held on Monday 28th January 2019. Letters explaining how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher will be sent out when we return in January.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

School will be serving up a traditional Christmas Lunch on Thursday 20th December 2018.

Children who do not have Free School Meals, or children who don't already pay for school dinners, can order a lunch for this day if they would like to have one. Please speak to someone on our front desk about this. You will also need to pay the £2 for this meal at the same time.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance rates continue to be low for this time of year. This is very worrying as school is trying very hard to improve its attendance levels. Please remember to bring your child in everyday, unless they are very poorly or have been sick. We will always send children home if they are too unwell to stay. If you are keeping your child off school,

please remember to telephone us to let us know why your child is off. Thank you.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The LA are currently consulting on changes to the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools. There is also a consultation for Co-op Academy Swinton.

You can view a copy of the proposals at www.salford.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation. You can make your views known online until 24th December 2018.

NATIVITY PERFORMANCE DATES

Parents and carers of children in our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will soon be receiving letters inviting them to watch our special Nativity performances.

Our Nursery and Reception classes will be holding their nativity show on December 18th, whilst our Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be holding their show on December 19th. Please note that each family is only allowed 2 tickets each. This is due to the number of people we can have in the hall at any one time.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas parties will be held on the last day of term; Friday 21st December 2018. We are also hoping to have a very special visit from Santa during the last week of term!

Party details will be sent out from each class teacher in the next week or so.

SPRING 2019 CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Year 4.... Tuesday 29th January 2019

Year 3.... Tuesday 12th February 2019

Year 2... Tuesday 26th March 2019

These class assemblies start at 9:10am. Parents & carers of pupils in these classes are welcome to come and watch them.

SPECIAL CURRICULUM DAYS

We are counting down to our special DESIGN TECHNOLOGY day on 7th December and ART day on 14th December. These days provide your children with the opportunity to gain a deep understanding of aspects of these subjects – last term's were a huge success. Keep an eye on our Twitter page to see what your child has been learning and making on these days.

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SEVERE WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

It is important that everyone knows our school's procedures in the event of very bad weather - including heavy snowfall.

We will always try our very best to keep school open as much as possible. We will only ever close school if we think there is a real risk to our children and staff.

Decisions whether to close the school or not, are made on a day-by-day basis. It is therefore important to know how we will contact you:

1. School will always send a text message to parents and carers. This is the quickest and easiest way for us to get in touch with you all at the same time. **It is VERY IMPORTANT that we have up-to-date mobile numbers for you.**

2. Messages will be posted on our TWITTER PAGE <http://www.twitter.com/lowerkersal>
PLEASE follow us on Twitter - it will ensure you get the very latest school news.

3. School will update Salford City Council's SCHOOL CLOSURES website. This can be found at <https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-closures/>

This page also lets you know of any other Salford schools who may also be closed due to bad weather or other emergencies.

If the weather starts to get bad after school has opened, procedures will be put in place to close school area by area and to send children home. This will start at EYFS and move up the age groups. NO CHILD will ever be sent home before speaking to someone on the contact forms you have provided. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE RETURNED THESE FORMS; THEY ARE VITAL IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW IF ANY OF YOUR NUMBERS CHANGE.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday season and wish you the very best for the New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

