

**Friday 11th December 2020**

**End of Term - \*DATE CHANGE\***

Pathfinder Schools have followed the Department for Education Advice and taken the decision to make our **last day of term Thursday 17th December 2020**. Please see the [letter](#) of 10 December on our website under Parents/ Letters for full details. School will not be open on Friday 18th December 2020.

In response to this, our Christmas Sparkle Day we had planned for Friday 18 December will now be held on Thursday 17 December instead, please see detail overleaf.

**COVID Update Reporting:**

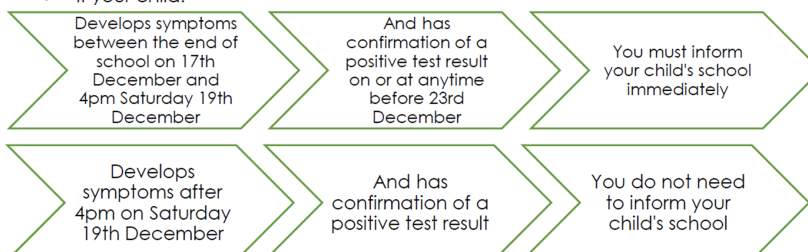
Please note that we now have an email address dedicated to Covid reporting:

**[CovidReporting@montsaye.northants.sch.uk](mailto:CovidReporting@montsaye.northants.sch.uk)**

**Informing us of Positive Cases during the Break**

The procedure to follow from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

- If your child:



Please use this email to tell us of any new Covid-related absence or update information. We have been very impressed with parent communications regarding Covid, and thank you for keeping us well informed.

**Holidays**

With the exciting vaccine news this week, maybe some of you are starting to think about holidays for next year, but for parents of students in Years 11 and 13, please be aware that the 2021 external examination season has been extended beyond the usual window, and does not finish until 16 July 2021. So, please don't make any arrangements for before that date.

**Sixth Form 2021**

**The deadline for applications to our Sixth Form is Thursday 11 February 2021.**

Week Commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Live Student Led Q&A
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If you have any questions about our sixth form and post-16 options, please contact Mrs McNish at:

**[lmcnish@montsaye.northants.sch.uk](mailto:lmcnish@montsaye.northants.sch.uk)**

**Christmas Cake Decorating Competition**

Does your child enjoy cake decorating? Why not encourage them to show off their festive flair? Enter our competition to decorate a cake of their choice in a Christmas theme? The closing date is Thursday 17th December.

A photograph of the whole cake and a photograph of one slice (to show what it is like on the inside) should be emailed to Mrs Brotherston: [gbrotherston@montsaye.northants.sch.uk](mailto:gbrotherston@montsaye.northants.sch.uk) or deliver the photographs to D2.

**Equipment for Learning**

Please check that your child has the following equipment in their school bag, before they leave for school in the mornings: black or blue pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, pair of compasses, scientific calculator (Casio preferred).

Students often need a calculator for maths and science as well as some other subjects. Pencil cases make ideal stocking fillers this time of year.

### No Energy Drinks



Please don't allow children to bring energy drinks into school. They are not permitted and will be confiscated.

### Inclement Weather

As we now enter winter, should the school need to communicate home regarding inclement weather, notification will be made via text message and on our website. Please make sure that we have your correct contact details.

On days when the temperatures are extremely low and whilst we are continuing to ventilate the school, students will be permitted to wear their coats in classrooms. Correct uniform should continue to be worn underneath the coat, including the compulsory blazer. Students can also layer up and wear a grey jumper.

### Week Commencing Monday 14th December 2020

**Thursday 17th December (\*please note date change\*):** **Christmas Sparkle Day**, an opportunity to shine with seasonal glitz! In return for a £1 donation, raising money for Save the Children, students are encouraged to wear something on a festive theme; some Christmas sparkle, Christmas-themed clothing or a Christmas jumper if they have one. Students do not need to wear school uniform, however if your child has a practical PE lesson that day, please ensure their attire is appropriate for taking part in an active lesson. Donations can be made via the academy Scopy account.

**Thursday 17th December (\*please note date change\*):** The academy closes at 3.00pm for the Christmas holiday.

### Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

**Monday 4th January:** academy re-opens at 8.30am.

**Thursday 14th January:** Year 8 virtual parents evening. Further details to follow.



### Do you need a little extra support?

#### Johnny's Happy Place

Johnny's Happy Place is open every Saturday 11.00am to 1.00pm. They have a heated marquee and offer free food, hot drinks, cakes, sandwiches etc, together with a free counselling service. They are also opening their doors for a free breakfast on Christmas morning, 8.30am to 10.30am.



### Home Start, Montague Street, Kettering

Home Start are offering a free lunch on Christmas Day (served as a take-away) from Corona Kitchen at the Eden Centre, Kettering from 12 midday to 1.30pm. You will need to contact the centre to let them know that you are going to collect the lunch.

Christmas Day 2020 lunch  
Take Away served  
12 midday to 1.30pm  
at  
The Eden Centre  
21, Montagu Street  
Kettering  
NN16 8XG

Help us celebrate this unique Christmas  
with a take away feast. All the usual  
Christmas fare in take away boxes.

Families Welcome!

Please remember to follow us on social media for regular academy up-dates.

**Twitter feeds: @Montsaye, @montsayepe and @MontsayeSF**

**Please like our Facebook page for regular academy news up-dates.**

