

# The Pinner Park Post



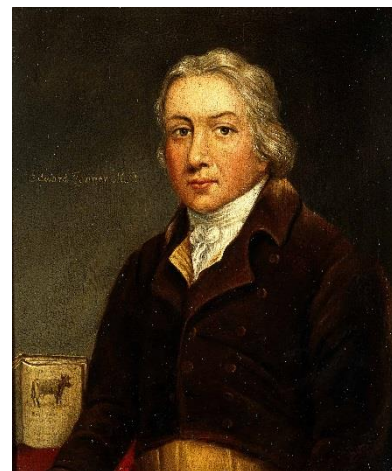
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## Edward Jenner – Science Superhero!

Edward Jenner was a very famous English scientist whose name has gone down in medical history. Edward Jenner was responsible for discovering the world's first-ever vaccine and his work saved so many lives – in fact Jenner's work is said to have saved more lives than the work of any other human being!

He was born in 1749 in Gloucestershire, where he trained as a doctor and became famous for his discovery of the smallpox vaccine. His discovery was a huge medical breakthrough; the world's first vaccine. On 14 May 1796 he tested his new vaccine for the first time.



Fast forward to 2020 and, around the world, scientists have worked tirelessly to create a vaccine for Covid-19. Their combined knowledge, experience and understanding has come together to get a vaccine in place in record time.

Vaccination is the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves and our children against ill health. Vaccines prevent up to 3 million deaths worldwide every year. Since vaccines were introduced in the UK, diseases like smallpox, polio and tetanus that used to kill or disable millions of people are either gone or seen very rarely. Other diseases like measles and diphtheria have been reduced by up to 99.9% since their vaccines were introduced.

All our school-aged children are able to have the flu vaccine on Tuesday next week. The flu vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. There are no needles or jabs involved – just a simple nasal spray!

In order for your child to have the nasal spray, you must complete the online consent form at the following link <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> You will need to enter the unique code for Pinner Park Primary School. The code is: **CL102207**

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

Headteacher

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FLU  
VACCINE CONSENT FORM BY  
MONDAY TO ENSURE YOUR  
CHILD CAN HAVE THE NASAL  
SPRAY ON TUESDAY.**

# Christmas at Pinner Park

## Christmas Jumper Day – This Friday 11 December

We're supporting Save the Children this year by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11 December.



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

Children, and staff, will be invited to wear their own choice of clothing on that day in return for donating £1 to the

'Save the Children' charity. Please send the £1 in to school with your child – class teachers will collect the money at registration.

It would be fabulous to see lots of Christmas Jumpers on that day but please don't worry if you don't have one – just wear something else!

By taking part, you're supporting the charity to help children build a better future. Thank you for your support.

## Christmas Cards



We want to enjoy the giving and receiving of Christmas cards, but we also want to continue to do everything we can to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

If your child would like to, please help him or her to write one card to their class, rather than individual cards. The cards can be brought into class and each class teacher will reserve some time each day to open the cards, read them out, and then hang them up in the classroom for everyone to see. Please do not send in cards for individual students as we will be unable to distribute them.

By setting aside a short time each day to open and read the cards together, we will ensure that the spirit of card-giving at Christmas is honoured and valued. The staff team will be doing likewise, and making a donation to charity in place of purchasing hundreds of cards.

Please address your card(s), "To everyone in ..." (for example, 'to everyone in 3-Birch'). We'll also have a display of cards in the staff rooms for any cards addressed, 'To all the staff'.

## Other Christmas Activities

On Tuesday we enjoyed a wonderful Advent day together. We were able to prepare decorations and displays for the festive season. Later in the week, two grottos have magically appeared! One, in the form of a gingerbread house, is in the lower school hall and the other is in the outdoor seating area in our upper school playground. All the children will have a chance to visit each of the grottos during the next two weeks.

Our opportunity for Christmas performances are very limited this year but we have asked each class to prepare a poem, reading, or something similar to share with you online. We'll be recording this week so that we can prepare the videos before the end of term.



You may have noticed our Christmas tree outside the upper school building, in the playground. This is usually in our upper school hall but we want everyone to see it this year, even though we won't be in the hall for events. We have other Christmas trees around the school including one in our Lower School hall.

## PTA Christmas Raffle – Buy your tickets now!

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Well done to our wonderful PTA who, despite the Covid restrictions, have organised a super Christmas raffle with some wonderful prizes! The raffle will be drawn at 10.30am on Friday 11 December so get your tickets now!



The tickets will be available through Classlist so there has never been a better time to make sure you have signed up – it's a free app which is used at Pinner Park for parent-to-parent communication.

**Good news – Family and friends can all buy tickets even if they are not on Classlist!**

Just use this link to access the raffle directly: <https://events.classlist.com/#/events/view/788301320>

The deadline for ticket purchasing is Thursday 10 December at midday. **Buy your tickets now!**

## Playtime Resources

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Thanks to everyone who has responded to our request for more playtime resources.

If you or your friends and family have any of the following items to donate, please do let us know:

- Bread / grocery / bottle crates
- Pipes/ guttering
- Pallets
- Scaffolding planks (or other planks of wood)
- Lego
- Rope
- Hoses/ flexible piping/ ducting, such as Hoover hoses



If you know of any businesses who have any of the above items, please ask them to get in touch.

## Xmas4Schools Orders – Delivered Today

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If you ordered cards, calendars or gifts featuring your child's design, then these items will be coming home today.

Thank you to everyone who placed orders. If you have any questions about your order, please ask.

## Warm clothing for PE

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We will continue to deliver our outdoor PE curriculum throughout the winter months.

During the colder weather, please ensure that your child has a black tracksuit (or black jogging pants and sweatshirt) so that they don't get too cold during these sessions.



## Diary Date – End of term

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The last day of this term is next Friday, 18 December. In 'normal' times we would usually finish the school day a little earlier at the end of term. However, in order to maintain our staggered timings, school will close at the same time as usual on this day. Thanks for your continued support with our staggered start and finish times.

## Staff News

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Miss Butler, a lunchtime supervisor and cleaner, will be leaving Pinner Park at the end of this term after 31 years of faithful and dedicated service to the school. Miss Butler has been at the school longer than some of our staff and parents have been alive! She is one of the cleaners who has stepped up her hours during the Covid pandemic to provide cleaning throughout the entire school day. Miss Butler is now relocating to another area of the country and I am sure that you will join us in thanking her for her work at the school over such a long period, and to wish her and her family every happiness in their new home.



Mrs Siraj, one of our class teachers, has been on maternity leave for the past year. She has decided not to return to teaching immediately and will be spending some more time with her young family. Therefore, she will be leaving Pinner Park at the end of term and we wish her every joy!

## Headlice – an irritating pest – please keep checking!

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Headlice is a problem that affects all of us. This troublesome pest is a widespread and unpleasant infection, especially among school age children. A common misconception is that they are a symptom of poor hair hygiene - rest assured this is not true. Lice are equally likely to be found on clean or dirty hair!

Head lice cannot jump, hop or fly. Children can get head lice from sustained head to head contact when playing together, whispering, hugging or when they are in close contact. At any one time, most schools will have a few children with active living head lice. This can be between 2 - 5%. It is rarely higher than this.

The only way to eradicate the problem is if every single one of us is vigilant. Please check your children's hair this weekend with a fine toothed inspection comb. The recommended method is to 'wet-comb' conditioned hair. If you are concerned, please contact your local pharmacist who will offer advice.

Please check your children's hair regularly (at least weekly) and ensure that all long hair is tied back. You may also wish to brush your child's hair each afternoon when he or she returns from school – this will prevent any louse which has wandered onto your child's head during the day from laying eggs and becoming a more significant problem.



## What to do if someone in your house has Covid symptoms

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Please inform the school immediately.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If anyone in your household has symptoms, please dial 119 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to book a test as soon as possible. Once you have a test result (positive or negative), please inform the school and we will be able to advise you on the next steps

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Remember, if you, or any member of your household, has any of the symptoms above you must:

- stay at home (do not leave the house except to get a test)
- arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19
- co-operate with NHS test, track and trace
- inform the school straight away

Your child does **not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.



**CORONAVIRUS**  
**STAY ALERT TO**  
**THE SYMPTOMS**



**We must keep on  
protecting each other.**



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**

**STAY ALERT ► CONTROL THE VIRUS ► SAVE LIVES**



HM Government

**TIER 2**

# HIGH ALERT

**FROM 2 DEC****MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.

**BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS**

Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.

**RETAIL**

Open.

**WORK AND BUSINESS**

Everyone who can work from home should do so.

**EDUCATION**

Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.

**INDOOR LEISURE**

Open.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Open.

**PERSONAL CARE**

Open.

**OVERNIGHT STAYS**

Permitted with household or support bubble.

**WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**

15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Open.

**PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.

**TRAVELLING**

Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.

**EXERCISE**

Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.

**RESIDENTIAL CARE**

COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).

**LARGE EVENTS**

Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)

## Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
**[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)**



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