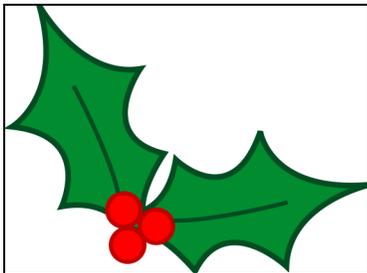


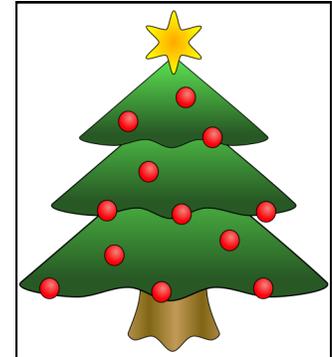
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A very Merry Christmas to all our patients from all the staff at Greystoke Surgery!



Greystoke Patient Participation Group

Greystoke patient participation group (PPG) meets every 2-3 months, currently via an online platform to discuss matters arising at Greystoke Surgery. Since it's implementation, a strong team of patients have supported the practice in various issues that have arisen over the years.

The PPG may look at developing surveys or assisting the practice with access issues and provide a strong link between the practice and the rest of the patient base.

The PPG is looking to actively recruit members to the PPG to assist with the above. If you wish to join the PPG or want to find out more, please contact the Practice Manager, Mrs Jenni Dollman at jenniferdollman@nhs.net or Chair of the PPG, Mr John Walton at jhwalton@btinternet.com



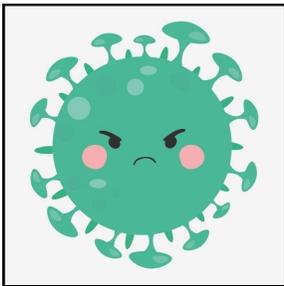
Covid 19 update

As the Covid 19 pandemic continues, the practice continues to work hard on delivering services to the practice population. We have continued to deliver the Covid 19 vaccination programme to our patients and expect to continue to do this until the end of January 2022. We are pleased to see a significant uptake in offers of Covid 19 vaccinations.



With the recent news of the new Omicron variant, a lot of anxiety is circulating with regards to the wearing of masks, social distancing and the government's implementation of Plan B. Current data suggests that the disease associated with the Omicron variant might be less severe and the effects of the Omicron variant can be mitigated by Covid 19 boosters, hence the current drive to ensure as much of the eligible population as possible has had a booster dose.

There are lots of people presenting to the surgery with Covid 19 symptoms given the current time of year but have not had or arranged a Covid 19 PCR test. We would like to emphasise that lateral flow



tests are helpful to identify Covid 19 prior to symptoms developing but are not helpful when symptoms are active, hence at this point a PCR test should be obtained. This is incredibly helpful to us as it helps us facilitate your care more efficiently and keep both patients in the surgery and clinicians safe, so we would respectfully ask our patients to follow this advice.

Annual flu update

Once again Greystoke Surgery has been leading the way with a hugely successful vaccination campaign for 2021 and an extremely high uptake. Clinics were run throughout September and October.

Thanks to the patience of our population, we have once again managed to deliver Covid safe clinics to protect our population.



We would also like to warmly thank those patients who have contacted the surgery to give their positive feedback regarding the running of this year's clinics.

If you have not had your flu jab and are eligible to receive this free on the NHS, please contact the surgery and we can arrange this for you.