



Dear Parents and Carers

20.11.2020

**RE: Christmas events and organisation**

This Christmas is going to be very different for all of us. We don't want COVID-19 restrictions to dampen the spirit of Christmas for the children and want to make their time in school over the festive period as normal, joyous and magical as possible.

We understand that parents of EYFS and KS1 children will be upset that we are unable to invite them into school to watch the annual nativity, but want to reassure you that as soon as restrictions are lifted we will welcome you in.

To prevent disappointment, the leadership team are suggesting the following changes this year. We hope these events will still give the children a Christmas term to remember and provide our families with memories they can cherish for years to come.

**EYFS**

We will still hold a nativity in EYFS this year and video the performance. This will then be put on DVDs and go on sale to EYFS parents for £2.

**KS1**

Key Stage 1 will be taking part in Christmas performance. This performance will be filmed and shared with families through our website.

**LKS2**

Each year group will be singing a popular Christmas song accompanied by readings from the children. Also, as a phase, all children will learn 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' in Makaton so that everyone can feel a bit of our Christmas cheer. This will be recorded and uploaded to our website.

**UKS2**

Each year group will be singing a traditional Christmas song that we will record for your enjoyment. The whole phase will also be singing a well-known song, with a 2020 twist.



The following events will continue as normal:

**Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

On this day Dolce will be offering a Christmas dinner option as part of their menu. Please pre-book on school grid by 27/11/20. We encourage children to wear Christmas Jumpers / tops (with normal Brooke Uniform trousers/skirts). Each bubble will hold a 'best Christmas Jumper' competition, with a great prize to be won.

Teachers will also be getting involved through our Twitter account (which can also be viewed on the 'news' section of our webpage)

**Christmas Party and party clothing day – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

This is the last day of the term. Each bubble will celebrate Christmas by holding a Christmas party, full of fun party games.

We are asking parents to contribute 50p per child towards party snacks for the afternoon.

Children are encouraged to come into school in party clothing. However please ensure this is suitable for outdoor playtime.

**Christmas Cards**

If you child would like to send Christmas cards to friends and staff, please send them into school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. They will be quarantined and handed out the following week.

**Community support**

We are working closely with Councillor Susan Durrant to support the work she is doing in the community. We are asking for food donations for hampers for the elderly. If you are able to donate, please send this into school by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Carol Singing**

We are hoping to spread some Christmas cheer in the community by singing at the local care homes. We do this every year, however this year we will be making some changes to ensure our children, staff and audience are COVID safe. Further details to follow.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas period.

Kind regards

Emma Levers – Head of School

