



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With December now upon us, I wanted to ensure that you were all aware of a number of key dates we have coming up in school. At this present time, below are the Christmas activities we have planned in school, however your patience and understanding if any of these need to change due to further Government guidance, is much appreciated. We will try our best to minimise any disruption.

### **Christmas Fayre - Postponed**

As mentioned in my previous letter, I have made the difficult decision to postpone our Christmas Fayre until the Spring term. As a priority, I want our school community to be able to spend a safe Christmas with their families. At this present time, the Christmas Fayre is deemed a high risk for potential transmission of the Coronavirus and subsequent requirements for individuals to isolate.

### **Christmas jumpers – please bring to school! Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be holding a final dress rehearsal of our performances on this date, and we would like children to bring in a Christmas jumper (only if they already have one!) to wear for this. Children should wear full school uniform on this day, and the Christmas jumper should be provided in a bag to change in to when required.

### **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

The school kitchen will be preparing a healthy and delicious traditional Christmas lunch for staff and children. If your child usually has a packed lunch, they can still enjoy and order a school Christmas lunch, please complete the form on ParentMail. This will also be our Christmas jumper day and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day, all day, to help them enjoy the festivities. Those children who are packed lunches will still sit and eat with their friends as a class.



### **Christmas Performances - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas jumpers again please!)**

This year, the children will be performing a selection of Christmas songs. Once again, we would love for Christmas jumpers to be provided for these days. Children should wear full school uniform, and the Christmas jumper should be provided in a bag to change in to when required. Our current plan is to invite parents and carers to join us, but we do request that a face mask is worn at all times upon entering the school building and in the school hall. We also request that only two adults per child attend the performances.



To ease the pressure on parents and carers attending, we will be recording this assembly and sharing the video with Parents and Carers online before the end of term, so no-one will miss out! We will send weblinks to Parents and Carers via ParentMail.

We have also tried to offer a variety of times the children will perform. We anticipate these performances will be approximately 40 minutes in duration.

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30am - Reception Classes and Key Stage 1 performance
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 2:30pm – Key Stage 2 performance
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30am – Key Stage 2 performance
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm – Reception and Key Stage 1 performance

*Nursery children will be performing their own songs to Parents and Carers at collection time on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.*

### Christmas Cards – Deadline Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Due to the current safety implications in place at our school, it has been decided that children can bring in Christmas cards for staff and their friends, **but only for children and staff in their year group**. Christmas cards should be brought in to their class by children, and handed to the class teacher. This means that the last day for bringing in Christmas cards for children will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



### Class Parties and Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Children will be celebrating the festive season in their classes with an afternoon class party, where music and party games will be provided. Sign-up sheets for food/drink donations will soon be out to Parents and Carers via class teachers, and your support in providing refreshments is much appreciated. We do politely ask that due to severe allergies, no products containing nuts are provided. We will have to do things a little different this year to keep everyone as safe as possible, so to avoid children changing and bringing additional items in to school, this will be a non-uniform day where children can come to school in their own clothes for the day.



### Nursery Last Day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

The final day for Nursery children to attend will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Nursery will be closed to all children from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Pantomime – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

We will be virtually visiting the Royal Hippodrome Theatre to enjoy the pantomime Cinderella! From their classrooms, children will have the opportunity to view and take part in a fantastic, interactive theatre performance full of Christmas magic, made specifically for our school! We are very excited to see what surprises we have in store! Further information on this show can be found by [clicking here](#).



### End of Term/School Closes – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 2:00pm close

The last day of term for children Reception – Year 6 will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, and the school will close at 2:00pm on this day.



### Spring Term/School Re-opening – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Due to an INSET day in January, the school will re-open to all children on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

I know there are a number of key dates above, and lots of days we require Christmas jumpers brought in to school; so please; if you have any questions about any of the above, please do speak to a member of staff.

In the meantime, I do hope everyone enjoys the magic of the Christmas season. Take care and please stay safe.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Head of School