

Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parents,

### **Christmas Arrangements**

With the ongoing pandemic and Covid 19 restrictions, we have had to redesign some of the activities that we usually do with the children around Christmas time. Unfortunately, it is not possible to do Christmas concerts or KS2 singing as usual but we have come up with several different ideas to ensure the children, and you as parents, are able to share in some of the festivities usually undertaken in school.



### **Christmas mini 'Presentations' - online**

This year, all our year groups will be involved in short class presentations which will be filmed and shared with you through Google Classrooms or Tapestry.

**Nursery:** a variety of festive songs with actions. Children will be invited to wear Christmas jumpers on the day of filming and will wear the Christmas headbands they will make in nursery. Further information will follow.

**Foundation:** A collection of songs with children in costumes representing different Christmas scenes. Children will be asked to come dressed in certain colours or outfits on the day of filming. Information will be sent out by class teachers nearer the time.

**Year 1:** Poems and songs which tell the Christmas story. Children will be asked to come dressed in certain colours or party outfits on the day of filming. Again, information will be sent out by class teachers nearer the time.

**Children in Y2 to Y6** will also do short class presentations which will include a Christmas message, some 'singing and/or poetry. These will all be uploaded to Google Classrooms for you to see before the end of term.

### **Christmas Cards**

Although we have not taken part in the Christmas cards for purchasing this year, children will be making Christmas cards to bring home for family members as well as some kind of Christmas decoration. Our Foundation children have produced some great Christmas decorations already which I know will be lovely keepsakes for years to come.

### **Christingle**

Mike Morris from the Watling Valley Ecumenical Partnership will be doing his usual Christingle Assembly - but online this year. Children in Y1 to Y6 will access this in their classrooms. Our Y4 children will still make Christingles as part of their R.E. lessons and they will bring these home to share with you.

## Friends Christmas Colouring Competition

The Friends Association will be running a 'Winter Colouring Competition' before the end of the term. Details to follow.



Please find the following dates of other Christmas events:

### Tuesday 1st December

- The Christmas tree and decorations go up in school.
- **Post boxes** will be available in year group bubbles for children to post Christmas cards to friends within their year group.

### Wednesday 16th December

- **Online Christmas Panto - Rapunzel.** The 'Come and Sing' Company have partnered with Milton Keynes Music Hub and the Norfolk Music Hub to provide this opportunity to schools. Each year group will watch the panto in their classes. Children will be invited to come into school wearing their favourite Panto costume/character costume if they wish to do so to help create that lovely pantomime atmosphere.
- Christmas Packed Lunch Day - Children should bring a packed lunch to school on the day of the Panto. We will provide Christmas hats for the occasion.

### Friday 18th December - the last day of term

- **Christmas Jumper/Non-school uniform day**

Providing Santa can use his magic to work out a Covid safe plan for Christmas, we are hoping he will make his usual visit prior to the end of term.



Thank you for your support and understanding as we do our very best, as always, to make Christmas a fun and enjoyable time for our children.

Best wishes

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