

30 November 2020

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

We are determined this year to make Christmas as magical as we possibly can for our children in light of very different and strange times this year. As a school we are determined to spread as much Christmas joy and sparkle as possible in the safest way we can. We will very much miss our annual Christmas concert, trips and visits out so have planned a number of festivities for the children so they do not feel they will miss out! We are able to be flexible with our plan for the last week and move things forward should the need arise and the children will then not miss out on opportunities. We are not aware yet of what the future will hold but are very much hoping that we will be able to do a summer concert if the pandemic eases or vaccinations allow us to do this.

We will be selling a few things over the Christmas period as a number have parents have expressed that they want something to keep. Please do not feel you have to purchase items as we wouldn't want to see anyone struggle. As you are probably aware, we are running a Christmas Child appeal for local children in our community. We do not want any child to go without this Christmas and urge anyone to come forward if they need support. We will also be placing a food and toy drop bin in the main school entrance (foyer area) from today if anyone wishes to donate anything at all!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CD

As we will not be having our usual concert, we didn't want the occasion to go by without making it in some way memorable for you as parents to look back on. We will be recording the children singing Christmas songs and will be selling them for £3 each. This will include a personalised message from your child in the cover so that they can look back on this time in years to come. We will open up a ParentPay item for you to pay if you want one! Last date to purchase will be Thursday 10th December.

Personalised Christmas Cards

The children have been busy designing their very own cards. These are lovely to purchase and give out to special family members. If you would like to purchase your child's Christmas cards they will be £4 for a pack of 5 and an item will be open on ParentPay for you to pay only if you want one. You can purchase more than one pack, just simply place the amount in and we will know and get your cards to you. ! Last date to purchase will be Friday 11th December.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER AT SCHOOL- Thursday 17th December

As a good will gesture we will be offering all Primary children a free Christmas dinner! We will be having a sit down Christmas dinner at the table with all the trimmings, including crackers, table decorations the works! The children will have a turkey dinner including pigs in blankets, stuffing the whole works and will end their meal with Santa ice cream. This is a lovely occasion for the children and we are asking that Christmas meals are booked and preordered by Thursday 3rd December, 2020. We are asking that you fill out the form that has been sent to you over email with a 'yes' or 'no'. Please make sure you fill this in even if your child is entitled to free school meals so that we can order in plenty of time!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- Thursday 17th December

We will be having our Christmas Jumper day on the same day as Christmas lunch. Please don't go to the expense if the children do not have one, there are so many ideas on Pintrest that cost nothing and it's quite surprising what a bit of imagination and tinsel can do! We will be taking official photographs of the children in their jumpers, which you can purchase for 50p. We will open up a ParentPay item for you to pay if you want one! Last day for taking orders will be Monday 14th December.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA DAY- Friday 18th December

We will be having a fun filled action packed party day full of Christmas activities and treats as we will not been going out for fun Christmas trips. Santa will also be making an appearance and if we are good bring us lots of goodies! We will be charging to cover all the activities and this will also include food at lunchtime too! We would ask for £4 to cover costs. Last day for payment will be Wednesday 16th December.

I want to make it very clear to all of you that we have charged for theme days within school this term as we have made far more of them than we normally would as the children have been unable to go out on trips to enhance their learning and make learning come alive in a fun way! We assure you that every single penny is spent on our children which I know there have been queries about. We have to account for every single penny that comes into the school. I also understand that theme days have been costly as some parents have bought quite expensive costumes. I have spoken to staff and we will ensure that we keep costs as low as possible.

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Thank you for your ongoing support for our children and we promise to make Christmas as special as we possibly can! Let's hope 2021 will bring a different new normal and a return to life as we knew it previously. I am sure you will join us in being thankful this Christmas for our health. If for any reason restrictions change we have a plan B and will communicate with you all as soon as possible.

Kate Key Primary Phase Leader

