



8th December, 2020

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

A number of parents have contacted the school via e-mail, telephone and through discussions at the school gate to say that their children will not be attending school after Friday of this week. I am sure you are all aware that Covid numbers are very high at the moment and community transmission is very concerning. We need to come together and ensure that we are following clear guidance. Today it was announced that ALL schools will close on Friday 18th December, 2020. I would like to re-assure you that schools will be remaining open up until this date.

Due to many parents stating that their children are not attending next week we have considered carefully and made the decision to bring forward Christmas dinner to this Thursday (10th) and our Christmas Extravaganza Day until Friday (11th). This means that the children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers on Thursday (or red/green Christmas or plain clothing) and party outfits (without the heels and sensible) on Friday.

All children will be provided a Christmas dinner on Thursday and this will be funded by the school.

All children will receive party food (including Nursery) on Friday out of their £4 cost. For pupils from Reception – Year 6, this will be lunch! We will be having a robin theme for Foundation Phase pupils and Grinch theme for Key Stage 2. We are really hoping that the 'big man' makes an appearance too! The children will be taking part in many fun Christmas activities and in classes the day will focus on themes and preparing for an exciting Christmas Eve. The day will be heavily subsidised by school in order that the children can come home with:

- Christmas Eve Kit, (hot chocolate making kit, reindeer food, sweets, activities, cards etc)
- Your child will be making a plate for Santa for Christmas Eve, this can be brought out each year (not dishwasher safe)
- Handmade cookie for Santa wrapped especially for Christmas Eve
- Handmade Reindeer/ Christmas cakes
- Foundation Phase children will have a pot of gingerbread play doh
- Key Stage 2 children will make wooden door hangers
- Party games and prizes
- Lunch and snack provided
- Gift from Santa

Covid-19 Update

Please be aware that if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, we urge you to get tested at the earliest possible time.

Also, if anyone in your home is displaying signs of Covid, please do NOT send your child to school and seek advice about getting testing as soon as possible. Please keep in touch with us on any updates and

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FORGING FUTURES TOGETHER

Thank you again for your ongoing support for our children and we promise to make Christmas special!
Also, if your child is in year 1 and 5 or returning next week, plans are in place to repeat days so that they do not miss out!!!

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