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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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18th Nov 2020

Christmas Celebrations - working within Covid-19 Restrictions

Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to Covid-19 we need to work a little differently this year with our Christmas festivities. We do however want to try to continue as normally as possible.

Christmas Cards - in by Tuesday of each week & sent out on a Thursday afternoon:

We still want children to be able to send Christmas cards to others in their class as they are a lovely way for them to practice their writing. Children should bring in cards by the Tuesday of each week and we will quarantine them until Thursday afternoon to give out before they go home.

Christmas Performances – last week of term on DVD:

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a play. Children in Years 1 & 2 and EYFS will participate in separate performances however we will not be able to have parents in as a live audience. Instead we will film this during the week of 7th December in school and will then transfer it to a DVD for parents to order (we can send these out at the end of the last week). We will charge **£3 per DVD** to cover the costs and they can be **ordered on ParentPay from Monday 7th until Friday 11th December**.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 9th December:

We usually gather the children together in the hall for some festive songs before Christmas dinner. This time we will get together for a sing-song over Teams and the children will have their Christmas dinners served in their lunchtime hall-zones. Please order Christmas dinners on ParentPay by Friday 27th November (to allow us to order the food in), EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY BOOKED DINNERS UNTIL THE END OF TERN, YOU MUST REVISIT THAT DAY TO ORDER A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Christmas Parties – last week of term:

In the past we have combined year groups together to do Christmas parties however this year, we will need to have them in our year group bubbles. These will be held during the last week of term. More details will come out later about what day your child's class party will be on.

Christmas Carol Service:

With churches closed, we will be unable to hold our Christmas Carol Service in the usual way. Instead, we are asking the classes to learn a carol to perform and record so we can share these with the rest of the school.

Kind regards

Mr T. Jenkinson Headteacher