



Christmas Plans and Activities

As I am sure you are aware we are constricted by the Covid-19 virus and the associated restrictions for schools in what we can do or do safely this Christmas. All the staff at school are all just as disappointed about this as you are as parents I'm sure, and of course the children too!

There will be no nativity production how we normally do it as we cannot risk putting all of EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 together as if anything happens that would be nearly half the school out. We won't be performing to an empty audience and videoing it **BUT** we do have other plans.....

There will be no carol concerts at the church for Yrs 3/4 and Yrs 5/6 for the same reasons as above and we would not obviously be allowed in the church **BUT** we do have other plans.....

There will be no visiting panto as they cannot perform and visit us and we cannot have all the children together to watch it **BUT** we do have other plans.....

There will be no Xmas Dinner altogether **BUT** we can have it in our classrooms!

There will be no breakfast with Santa **BUT** we can wear our Christmas jumpers still on the last day!

What can we do....the answers to the BUTs....

We **WILL BE** performing something in our classes, a poem, signing a song, some readings, a small play etc. So different classes will be doing different things and we will load them onto their class dojo pages in the last week for you as parents to see.

We **WILL BE** having a panto in our classrooms....videoed from the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry – Jack and the Beanstalk. We will watch this in our classes at some point in the last 2 weeks. The fundraisers have agreed to provide the children with a cup drink, some popcorn and maybe something else as well as a treat to have whilst they watch this – thank you Fundraisers!

We **WILL BE** giving out Christmas Cards but will only give them out in our classes, and this needs to be done in a Covid secure way. So if you wish your child to write Christmas Cards to their class mates they can do and start bringing them into class from December 1st onwards up until Monday 7th December. After that date no more will be accepted. They will be placed in a box in the classroom and left to quarantine for 72hrs before being given out on the Friday to the class. They can then be brought home by the children straight away.

We **WILL BE** making you Christmas cards – but once again we will quarantine them before we send them home.

We have said no secret santa presents can be organised involving school as we do not have the space to receive and quarantine all the presents for a class and then give them out for what may end up being the whole school.

Presents for teachers are always lovely to receive. However, as we said in the summer it has been a hard year in many ways for lots of families and we are actively encouraging you not to buy this year. Mrs Matthews has the food bank donations box set up if you wish to give to that instead. We do understand that some of you may still want to buy a present, and if you do, can we please ask that they are brought into school by Monday 14th December at the very latest – again so they can be quarantined before any staff take them home.

As I said in my message last night our hands are tied and it is not me or the school being 'The Grinch!' I understand that some parents may not like the decisions made but everyone needs to look at it from a whole school point of view. The new guidance issued for Tier 3 allows the above activities to take place.

We have done so well as a school and a school community so far....and I am touching wood as I type this....and we are all hoping that it may continue right up until Christmas and beyond into the New Year! I am hoping against hope that no bubble goes down in the last week or at the very beginning of the holidays as that would mean that your child would have to self-isolate over Christmas day and no families would be allowed around never mind a total of three.

I am sure we all want to get the very best we can out of what we are allowed to do, at the end of this very trying year!

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