



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of the autumn term and Christmas is almost upon us. We have enjoyed celebrating International Day and learning about other religious festivals such as Diwali and Hanukkah this term.

I wanted to share with you how we will be celebrating Christmas this year in school, so that we all remain safe but also enjoy a festive celebration for our children.

### Christmas at Windmill

#### Christmas Cards

In order to limit any potential spread of the virus on items that are passed between households, we request that this year children **do not** bring Christmas cards to school to give to their friends.



However, we would like children to bring a card home from their class. Therefore, the children will be making a class card that can be printed safely in school to bring home.

#### Christmas Tree



We will be having a lovely big Christmas tree up in the front of the school in the bottom corridor. We hope that everyone enjoys our tree.

#### Christmas Performance

One of the lovely special things that we do at Christmas for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One is having a little performance for you to watch. Unfortunately, we are unable to have one this year, instead every class will do a contribution to our virtual performance of 'Christmas around the World'. This will be shown in the last week of the term, so that all classes can feel part of a whole school event. Unfortunately, due to the complexity of online safety and permissions, we will have to keep this performance for school viewing only.

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### Christmas Crafts – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December



This year we will be doing a Christmas Crafts afternoon in the last week across Key Stage One and Two. Although we are unable to invite you to participate this year, your children will be enjoying a crafts session and be bringing home a decoration for Christmas. A few classes may have their afternoon earlier in the week due to timetables.

### Christmas Dinner – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December



Mr Singh, and our fabulous team of kitchen staff and midday supervisors will be again making Christmas a very special delicious event on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child doesn't have school dinners and you would like them to have one please let the office know by **9<sup>th</sup> December**. The cost of the meal will be £1.70, you can pay either by using the Gateway App or we can print you a bar code off so that you can pay at a Pay Point. Children will have their Christmas meal, as with all other events within their 'bubbles'.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020



The School Council would like to invite all pupils to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We are asking pupils to bring in a £1 donation, or whatever you can give, to help transform the futures of children in the United Kingdom and around the world.

All money raised will go to Save the Children and will help make sure every child, no matter where they are born, have essentials such as food, water and a safe place to sleep at night. The money raised will ensure children can grow up happy, healthy and become who they want to be.

If you would like to find out more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, go to [www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day).

We would really appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success. We will be helping to create a brighter future for children. We can make the world better in our sparkly happy sweaters!

### A Christmas Cinema Experience in School

During the last week of the term, children will be having a little cinema experience treat to watch a Christmas film in their class.

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## Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during this challenging time. So far, we have not had to close any classes due to a positive covid case and this has partly been down to our families taking the national regulations very seriously and following isolation guidelines. I am keeping my fingers crossed that we get to Christmas without any positive cases and having to close any classes.

I would again like to thank those of you that are able to wear masks when you bring and collect your children from school. It is so important that we help protect one another and keep everyone safe. Please continue to do this and observe social distancing on the playground.

## Finally

That just leaves me to say that I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas. Please keep safe and well over the festive period. We return to school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

Festive wishes

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