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Christmas 2020



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Dear Families

Here is all of the information you will need to know for our Christmas event this year. We have tried to adapt the events we usually do with the children as much as possible to ensure our children still have a very festive and magical time. This week the Christmas Tree arrives and the school becomes a Christmas Experience. Each year the children make the decorations to dress the tree. This year we have said anything Christmassy goes! The teachers are going to share a video demonstrating the decoration (Blue Peter style) so that you can have your own 'Christmas Crafternoon' over the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Advent Calendar: The school is creating its very own Christmas Advent for our families and community. We will send you the link each day so that you can enjoy our Christmas cheer too!

Daisy Dog Diaries: Daisy will also be entering into the festive spirit and she has planned the '12 Daisy's of Christmas' (can you see her play on words? She is a clever dog). These will be coming soon to the Daisy Dog Diary on Instagram! Daisy hopes you enjoy them!

Raffle tickets: We have some really fabulous prizes to be won in our raffle this year which include tickets to the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, Sweet Hampers, Tapnell Farm pass and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cash prize to name but a few! **The School Forms for our Raffle Tickets will close on Wednesday 9th December and final payments need to be made by Thursday 10th December. We will draw the raffle on Monday 14th December and announce the prizes via video. Good luck!**

Christmas Lunches and Santa's Grotto: This year we will be holding a COVID secure Santa's Grotto experience for the children where they will have a photo opportunity with Santa and enjoy a yummy hot chocolate with cream and marshmallow in our festive grotto with the elves. Your child will have the opportunity to visit our Santa's Grotto on the same day as their Christmas Lunch. **The School Form to buy your child's ticket for Santa's Grotto will close on Wednesday 9th December and the £1.50 payment will be due by Friday 11th December to sign your child up to this lovely festive experience.**

Your child's Christmas Lunch and Santa's Grotto days are as follows:

Monday 14th December: Year 2 & Year 4

Tuesday 15th December: Year 1 & Year 3

Wednesday 16th December: Reception & Year 5

Thursday 17th December: Year 6

Christmas Cards: Each class or year group is going to organise an alternative to Christmas Cards this year. Please see below as to what each class or year group are proposing to do. As you can see there are some lovely charitable and fabulous kindness ideas.

Reception: Craft items and Craft Hamper Donation for the Community

Year 1: Christmas Card for Cherry Blossom Care Home

Year 2: Christmas Cards for the Community

Year 3: Christmas Cards, Crafts and Video Messages for Afton Ward

Year 4: Adopting a Donkey from The Donkey Sanctuary

Year 5: Kindness Calendars for local community

Year 6: Adopting a Donkey from The Donkey Sanctuary

Christmas Performances: This year our two Christmas Performances will be recorded and sent home. We did hope to invite families to a COVID safe performance but when we considered it we would have needed to put on a lot of performances to cater for our families so we felt it would be better to stick with video for this year and we hope next year to perform again in front of a live audience.

Year Five are performing 'Who Took All The Loo Roll' and Reception are performing a 'Higgledy Piggledy Nativity'. **Year Five's performance will be released on Thursday 17th December and Reception's will be on Friday 18th December after a pre-release to the children in school.** Hollywood will be knocking on our doors!

Christmas Gifts for the Children: Usually the school buys collective gifts or experiences for the children. This year we have brought each child a gift to take home and enjoy (please quarantine these when you receive them home). We wanted to do something different for all the children as well as a very special Elf message coming very soon to the school.

Last Day of Term: The last day of term it was traditionally our Christmas Jumper day but as we are having to have lunch in our bubbles we are sending out an **invitation to come dressed in a Christmas themed costume, character, object or jumper on Friday 18th December** to end the term filled to the brim with Christmas spirit!

It is Christmas (not quite how we know it) but we hope the children enjoy all our Lanesend festivities.

Thank you for your continued support as always.

Kind Regards

Caroline Sice
Headteacher

