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Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas is fast approaching and COVID-19 is not going to put a dampener on our celebrations, although it is going to change some of our traditional activities. This letter will set out our plans for the last week of term, week commencing Monday 14th December. During other times not covered in this letter the classes will continue with completing their term 2 curriculum.

Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday, 15th December (whole school)

Just for the fun of it we would like the whole school to dress up in a Christmas jumper. The brighter the better! Please wear usual clothing on the lower half – school trousers/skirts. Don't go out and buy a jumper just for this event though. If you don't already have a suitable jumper wear something bright and add a little tinsel!

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday, 15th December (whole school)

You have already had the order forms and booked for Christmas lunch. Thank you for getting these orders in. We will have Christmas lunch in the classrooms as we have been doing since September, with crackers, kindly funded by the PTFA, and Christmas music and the usual fun of the Christmas meal.

I-rock live stream - Tuesday 15th December (whole school)

The I-rock musicians joined us before lockdown and we had a live performance in the school hall. This time we will join them live on screen as they play musical songs and carols in their inimitable style. Probably not a calming afternoon after our dinner but it will, I'm sure, be great fun!

Party Days

Wednesday, 16th December for Years R, 2, 3 and 5

Thursday, 17th December for Years 1, 4 and 6

The classes will this year each have an individual party in the hall where they will get the chance to enjoy traditional party games in the safety of their bubbles. The hall is already decked out with decorations and ready for a party.

In the afternoon classes will enjoy a Christmas film. The teachers will be selecting one suitable for the different age groups.



Class Disco and 'bring a plate.'

Wednesday, 16th December for Years 1, 4 and 6

Thursday, 17th December for Years R, 2, 3 and 5

Unfortunately, the PTFA have not been able to run their disco events this year, as well as this, we can't bring in party food to share with our friends. However, undeterred we are going to try something different this year, with your help. Each class will have the opportunity to push back the tables and chairs and have a class disco on the days shown above. We would also then like to host a 'bring a plate' on these days.

Could you supply your child with a paper or plastic plate with some party treats on, just for them? If they could be wrapped with foil or cling film your child can bring them in in the morning, leave them on the side in the classrooms, and then after their disco, enjoy their party plate. This has the benefits that you can add to the plate what your child likes, you will know how much they have eaten and, if paper plates are used, nothing needs to come home at the end of the day. I know from experience that a couple of paper plates below and even one above the food adds stability and allows for a name to be written on the top. You can of course, if you prefer, pack the party tea in a suitable plastic lidded box.

Father Christmas will also be visiting as usual on Thursday, in a COVID safe way, leaving a quarantined gift for each child! Huge thanks as usual go to the PTFA for organising the schedule for this very important annual visitor.

Friday 18th December

At 10am we will all be celebrating our Christingle Service. This year I will host the lighting of each classes Christingles on Zoom and the classes will share with us something from their Christmas work i.e. poems or readings. We will then finish Term 2 at the earlier times which have already been shared with you.

During the week classes will also get the opportunity to watch the key stage performances that each class is taking part in. These will be on the website for you to enjoy at home as well. More details about these will come out separately to this letter.

PE – each class will be having a PE session with Mr Castle in this final week: Christmas themed activities, of course! The children will not need to wear PE kits on this occasion, however, could they bring in their change of footwear please. Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 will have their session on Monday 14th December and Years R, 1 and 4 will have their session on Tuesday 15th December.

Christmas Cards

There will be no traditional Christmas postal service in school this year but we don't want to stop cards being shared among the children in their bubbles. Therefore, the last day for Christmas cards coming into school will be Tuesday 15th December, this will enable the cards to be quarantined in the classrooms until they are handed out on Friday 18th and then come home. The children will not open them at school this year, they can come home and then you can enjoy opening and sharing them together, knowing that the cards will have been untouched for well over the advised 72 hours.



Staff Gifts

I have already been asked by some parents about whether you can send in gifts for staff this Christmas. If you would like to leave a gift would you be kind enough to pop them into the boxes that are in the shed? Please make sure they are clearly labelled and then we can quarantine them before giving them out to staff on the last day of term. By adding this to the letter please do not think that this is in anyway expected of you but I am aware that some of you would like to leave a gift.

I think I have included everything in this letter that you will need to know for the last week of term. If you do have any further questions please do contact the teachers using the class email addresses or ring Mrs Eales in the school office. Can I thank you in advance for everything you will be doing in this last week to make sure the school has a happy, successful and safe final week.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School

