



Wednesday 25th November 2020

Dear Families,

I can now reveal our very unique Christmas Countdown



Let's start with an overview-our countdown begins...

November 30th – 25th December	Christmas Mental Health Challenge
Tuesday 1st December	We are all expecting a magical 'virtual' visitor or two
Thursday 3rd December	The Family Christmas Bake Off
Friday 4th December	Written class Christmas cards brought to the classroom
Tuesday 8th December	'Virtual' Christmas card designs start
Tuesday 8th December	Our Road to Recovery magazine on sale
Wednesday 9th December	Grotto for Reception children
Thursday 10th December	Grotto for Nursery children
Friday 11th December	Grotto for Year 1 children
Monday 14th December	Christmas cards ready to open in the Google Classroom
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas jumper and buffet party
Friday 18th December	Children open their class POST BOX and cards will be sent home

As you can see above, we have tried to creatively plan for a sequence of events that nurtures that warm and exciting Christmas spirit. We have all accepted the fact that the usual Christmas performances will not take place this year and there won't be a Christmas Fair but we certainly hope to resume some singing and performances in the spring or summer terms.

Your Christmas Bake Off letter was sent home on **Monday 23rd November 2020** so please do embrace this family challenge and be prepared to BAKE. Do make sure that you send back your expression of interest slip on **Friday 27th November 2020**.

The Christmas Mental Health Challenge will be 'active' in school but enjoying some of the challenges at home could be fun too. I will send this home to you on **Monday 30th November 2020**.

Many of the events above will be supported by a separate letter so that you are aware of the specific arrangements.

Our plan for sending Christmas cards

Every year our Christmas Post Box is brimming with Christmas Cards and the sending and receiving of a Christmas card is something that is special and exciting during the Christmas period. To ensure the limited 'movement' of cards in circulation across the school we have put a plan together to ensure that the sending and receiving of cards can be done in a safe and manageable way.

Instead of having our Christmas Post Box for the whole school, each class will be managing their own Christmas Box of Christmas cards. The expectations of how this will be managed will include:





- Children only sending a Christmas card to other children in their class
- Children must bring their cards into school before **Friday 4th December** Any cards brought in after this date will not be sent out
- Cards will remain in the class Post Box to quarantine for two weeks before they are then given out
- All cards must go home on **Friday 18th December** from all classes

As you will see from the Christmas Countdown, the children will be designing and sending an e-card to a friend in the class to open in their Google Classroom on **Monday 14th December 2020**. We have planned this 'virtual' sending so that every child receives one card.

Staff will plan for any gifts or party prizes to be sent home on the day of the class party, which for the whole school will be **Tuesday 15th December 2020**.

Gifts or cards for staff may be given at your discretion but what we won't be able to facilitate are children moving within the school building to deliver anything.

We are of course aware that a reduction in card and paper is great for our environment.

Attendance update

I am slightly more concerned as I report that our attendance percentage last week was **93.7%**. This attendance percentage is 1.1% lower than last weeks. Please do make sure that your child is in school every Friday.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding with the many changes and adaptations to school life that we continue to make and please do contact the office, if you have any queries.

Little reminders

Please do make sure that your child's reflector competition entry is in school by **Friday 27th November 2020**.

Have a lovely rest of the week and take care,
Mrs N Bull
Chief Executive Headteacher

