



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Families,

**I can now reveal our very unique Christmas Countdown**



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

<b>November 30<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Mental Health Challenge</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>We are all expecting a magical 'virtual' visitor or two</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>The Family Christmas Bake Off</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Written class Christmas cards brought to the classroom</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>'Virtual' Christmas card designs start</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Our Road to Recovery magazine on sale</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Grotto for Reception children</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Grotto for Nursery children</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Grotto for Year 1 children</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas cards ready to open in the Google Classroom</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas jumper and buffet party</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Children open their class POST BOX and cards will be sent home</b>

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 very pleased to be able to report that our attendance percentage last week continues to be very good at **95.8%**. This attendance percentage is 0.5% lower than last weeks

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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.

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

