



# BROAD CHALKE C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

Dear Parents/Carers

Is 17<sup>th</sup> November too early for me to mention Christmas?! Probably not, as plans have been made and parents are asking how we intend to do certain things this year. Christmas at School in 2020 is going to have to be a little bit different but we will make it as good as we possibly can.

### Christmas Box Appeal

Thank you to all those who have contributed so far to the Christmas Box appeal. We hope that they will make some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe very happy. We have had 12 boxes donated so far.

### Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards designed by the children looked really lovely, we hope you enjoy them.

### Christmas Tree

We hope to have our Christmas Tree by 1<sup>st</sup> December. This has kindly been donated by Simon Hiscock from Prescombe Farm in Ebbesbourne Wake where you can buy lovely, locally-grown Christmas trees.

### Christmas Craft Day

The teachers will still be holding a Christmas Craft day but unfortunately, we won't be inviting parents in to help this year so staff will have to adapt a few activities. The classrooms will soon begin to look very festive!

### Christmas Post Boxes

We will still have our 7 class Christmas Post Boxes from 1<sup>st</sup> December but this year they will NOT be able to go in the Central Area. Children will only be able to send cards to other children within their own class and cards will be handed out on Monday mornings to give the weekend for a de-contamination time.

Please ensure that all cards are clearly labelled with the **recipient's name and surname and that they are only written for children and staff within that class.**

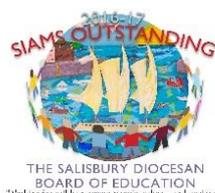
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** is therefore the deadline for Christmas cards in order that they are handed out within the class by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

### FOBS Christmas Hampers

Sadly, there will be no Christmas Hamper Draw this year as the whole process with handling money, tickets and prizes just presents too many complications. However, FOBS hope to hold a hamper raffle in the spring or summer term instead.

### Nativity

We always do a short (it's about 20 minutes) but traditional Nativity Play. Luckily for parents, we supply all the costumes for Reception class who are the ones who dress up. This will involve all the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 but it will be the Reception children who act out the Nativity story. Reception, Class 1 and 2 will all sing and Class 2 children will be narrators. Our plan is for Mr Howell to film the classes whilst we keep them in their separate bubbles then for him to edit the film to make it available to parents. We plan for the Nativity to be released on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, the date when it would normally have been performed in school. However, please do bear with us as this is very new to all of us and the editing is not straightforward.



### **Christmas Carol Service**

The Carol Service is for children from classes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our Reception, class 1 and class 2 children have their Nativity and songs to learn, so the Carol Service, which involves more traditional Carols and Bible readings, is for class 3 upwards. Rather like the Nativity, we aim for Mr Howell to film the children in their separate bubbles and provide a link for parents to watch the film in the final week of term.

### **Christmas Party Day – non-school uniform**

We **hope** that Father Christmas will be able to visit us outside of school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and that the children will receive a treat. There is no charge as this is supported by FOBS. As this is a special day, the children wear their own clothes to school and have party games which they can do within their own class bubble as they always do.

### **Pantomime**

I had booked and hoped to show a pre-recorded version but even the filming of that has been cancelled. We are still exploring if there are any other viable options.

### **Christmas Lunch**

There will still be a delicious Christmas Lunch so don't forget to sign your child up for a hot lunch on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** via ParentPay, Mrs Tribbeck's Christmas Lunch is a very special treat!

### **School Council 20p games**

Sadly, we can not hold the games this year as it would mean children crossing bubbles and handling the same equipment.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – please wear with school uniform (except sweatshirt obviously!)**

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (the last day of term)** we have Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. It is perfectly ok to decorate an old jumper with tinsel and decorations. The suggested donation is £1. Please pay via ParentPay to avoid staff and children handling cash.

### **End of term**

We break up at 1.30pm on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, by which time we'll all be ready for a well-earned break and all looking forward to our own family festivities!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway  
Headteacher

