

# NEWSLETTER



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## Nearly December 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would not usually send out a newsletter at this time but as there are so many things that are different this year we thought you would like the information early.

### **Children in Need**

The children really enjoyed the day. They had lots of fun and thanks to the generosity of Infant and Pre-school parents we raised a whopping £409.50 for Children in Need.

### **Christmas Fair and other fund raisers**

At this time of year we would normally be giving you news about funds raised and projects undertaken. Of course this is not a normal year and unfortunately, as with the May Fair, the Christmas Fair cannot go ahead which means we have very little in our school fund.

We have been trying to be creative and think of ways of raising money. One such idea is a scrolling Christmas message on the front page of our website. You can write a message from your family and it will appear on our website from the 1st December and remain there over the Christmas period. Our website can be opened from anywhere in the world so if you have friends and family who live some distance away or you just want to wish friends and neighbours Happy Christmas just send your message by email to the school office anytime from now and we will make sure it appears on the website. For this we ask that you make a donation to school.

### **Christmas Play**

The Christmas Play this year 'A Miracle in Town' will go ahead for the children. It would be a real shame for them to miss out on this experience especially our new Reception classes. You will still be asked to support with costumes and the children will act and dance in their Bubbles but it will not have a live audience. However, we do intend to film the whole thing and put it on the website for you to enjoy as a family. When we have the live performances we usually have a collection for charity after each performance. We would like to ask if you could give a small donation to school after you have enjoyed watching the play.

We will be filming it ourselves and as we have never done this before we do not know how long it will take to put together. We hope to have it on the website sometime during the week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Wish us luck!

If you would like to donate for either of these missed events please send contribution by cash/cheque payable to FVIS or bank transfer.

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### **Christmas Post Box**

We cannot have a Christmas Post Box in its usual form but we can have Year Group Bubble boxes. The children can still bring Christmas cards for friends and adults in their year group. Any cards for adults not in a year group bubble can be posted through the school letter box. Bubble Boxes will be ready to receive post from week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas lunch and class parties Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Our catering team will be serving a delicious Christmas lunch for all the children. The Friends will be providing Christmas crackers.

The children can wear their own clothes on this day but please make sure they wear sensible shoes as they will still be running around outside.

### **Carol Service**

Sadly we cannot hold the Christmas Carol service at the church, however St Mary's are offering a variety of virtual Christmas experiences which the class teachers will be accessing during December.

### **Reminders:**

#### **Covid-19**

We have a duty to regularly remind parents of the key Covid-19 guidelines so we apologise for repeating ourselves. We know that you know all of this and are very good at following the measures we have in place:

- Please use the one way systems
- Please try and arrive at your allocated time
- Please socially distance when dropping off or collecting children.
- Please do not gather in groups in the outside areas
- Please send all messages by email to the school office.

If you do need to approach the school entrances to speak to an adult please wear a face covering unless you are exempt.

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation.

### **Hair Bands**

Large flowery or character hair bands are not part of our school uniform and can be a distraction for the children. If your child needs a hairband please could they wear a plain one. Thank you.

### **Nuts**

Please remember that we are a "nut and sesame free" school, therefore no nut/sesame or containing nut/sesame products may be brought to school.

### **Dates for the rest of the term:**

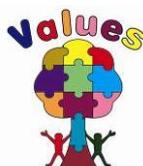
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Monday 7th</b>	<b>Bubble boxes for Christmas Post</b>
<b>Friday 11th</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day (No donation needed)</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas lunch and class parties</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last day of term School Finishes 1:45pm</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>In-service training</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>In-service training</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spring term begins</b>

**Please be aware that school closes at 1.45pm for the children on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. Children return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. As far as we know the staggered start and finish times will still be in place. Should this change we will notify you.**

Kind regards

*S Harrison / C Shuman*

Mrs Sharon Harrison/ Mrs Christine Shuman  
Co-Head teachers



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