

25.11.20

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been thinking ahead to how we can manage Christmas in school this year. Whilst we obviously want our children to have a lovely time celebrating this important Christian event, we have to consider how we can do it safely.

- Children can bring Christmas cards to school for their friends and staff starting week beginning 30th November. They place them in their year group post box. The post box is quarantined each Friday and the cards sorted by staff and distributed early the following week. The last date for posting is Tuesday 15th December, for distribution on Friday 18th December. **Children must not hand their cards directly to their friends.**
- We understand that sometimes children like to bring a gift to give to a friend; if they do, the gift will be stored for 48 hours in the teacher's cupboard before being passed on. Please do not send any gifts for other children after Monday 14th December.
- Similarly, we know that sometimes children like to give a gift to a member of staff. This year, with people's finances being stretched, we want to stress how **this is really not necessary**. However, for those who still choose to, the same as above applies. Much as we all love it - please do not send home baked goodies as gifts this year.
- Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 10th December and we allow children to wear their Christmas jumper that day. Please ensure the rest of their school uniform is worn as normal; this isn't a non-uniform day, just a Christmas jumper day.
- Party days will be as follows:

Monday 14th Dec – year 3 Tuesday 15th Dec – year 4 Wed 16th Dec – year 6

Thurs 17th Dec – year 5

On their party day, your child can wear their party clothes for the whole day. Please do ensure that sensible footwear is worn though, as they will still be playing outside. Party days will not be exactly the same as in previous years but the staff will ensure that children have a lovely day whilst adhering to our Covid risk assessment for everyone's safety.

- School closes on Friday 18th December at the usual time. Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school for clarification.

Linda Laird - Headteacher