

It's been great to welcome back our Year 4 children today! We look forward to seeing Year 6 again next week.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We have been working hard to ensure that we can have plenty of celebrations throughout December, even if they are not the usual ones.



Firstly, every class will be performing a Christmas presentation. The Reception children will be presenting a mini-Nativity, some classes will be singing, and some will be reciting poetry. Additionally, we are working to create a whole-school singing spectacular! We will add these to our YouTube page as unlisted videos and email the links out.

While all children will be able to participate, we will only film those children with photo permission. If you would like to change your permission preferences, please get in touch with the office.

Although we will not be putting out our usual Christmas post boxes this year, children will be able to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. However, to manage this safely, we ask that children only bring in cards for people within their year group. Cards must come in next week only (7th to 11th December) so that they can be given out the following week (the last week of term).



We have decided to support the Save The Children charity this year by taking part in **Christmas Jumper Day** on Friday 11th December. Your child can wear a Christmas jumper, or anything Christmassy, and there will be the chance for a voluntary donation for the charity outside the front door at drop-off time.

During the last week of term the children will all be treated to a virtual pantomime. This has been created by Peter Duncan, and each class will be able to watch it at different times throughout the week.

Finally, while Santa will not be able to visit the school this year, Andy O'Donnell and the PTFA have sent a special request to him to make sure that Watermore is not missed off his list, so we hope to share news that he has been some time before the end of term!

HELP FOR FAMILIES IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If your child is eligible for income-based Free School Meals (not the free meals that all infants receive) you will receive a voucher for £30 to help you over the Christmas period. This is a scheme organised with the local authority, and you will receive the vouchers before the end of term. These vouchers can be used in several different supermarkets.



In addition to this, the local churches have given us a very generous amount of money to help any families who have been affected by Covid. If you feel that your family had been significantly affected, and you are experiencing financial hardship at the moment, please speak with Mrs Hoyle or Mr Hotchin to discuss how we can help you. This could be, for instance, funding your child's school meals for the rest of term, providing some school uniform, helping with some unexpected expenditure or heating bills, extra supermarket vouchers or whatever will help you provide for your family over Christmas. Let us know during this week (by Friday) how we could help your family.

This will be confidential; we don't have to inform the churches who the money has gone to.

How fantastic to have so many people in our local area willing and able to contribute to make sure that local families have a happy Christmas!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We were overwhelmed with your generosity in giving so many donations of food for the Food Bank this Christmas. We are very proud that Watermore will help to provide food for so many individuals and families this Christmas. The volunteers from the Food Bank who collected the many bags and boxes at the end of last week wanted us to pass on their thanks.

Year 6 parents

Look out for an email very soon about our plans for a trip to Morfa Bay in the summer term!

ONLINE FRENCH CLUB OVER CHRISTMAS

Message Mme Fuller at Clubs4Kids

We are extremely excited about our French Christmas Zoom club. Please see the flyer to the right. We will meet on the Monday 21st December to Wednesday 23rd December in the mornings, for a fun French lesson learning with Père Noël et le petit Lutin.

I will send a craft package to you as well as email activity sheets for the children to do outside of our lessons. On the Wednesday, we'll have an extended lesson to include cooking together.

Do let me know if you'd like more information or to book a place. I will order the Christmas craft next week.

A bientôt
Mme Fuller



A colorful flyer for 'Clubs4Kids Christmas Club'. The background is green with a white Christmas tree. At the top left is the Clubs4Kids logo with a French flag. At the top right is a white circle with 'ONLY £20 PER CHILD'. In the center, there's a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus, an elf, and a snowman. Below the tree is a red banner with 'Christmas Club' in white. Underneath the banner is a yellow banner with 'MON 21 - WED 23 DECEMBER'. Below that, text reads: 'Learn French with Le Petit Lutin (elf) and le Père Noël (father Christmas) via zoom, and get ready for an incredibly fun time of cooking, craft, song and fun activities'. At the bottom, a red banner contains the contact information: 'To book your child's place, call Anna-Kate on +44 (0)7375 306 881 or email ak@clubs4kids.com'.