



Christmas Special 2020

December in School



This is a much slimmer December special than usual but we thought that we would still put one together. There are some dates to be aware of, and although we can't invite you all in to school this year, we are sending lots of festive greetings. Hopefully 2021 will bring us all some long awaited good cheer.

The term ends on 18th December at 3.20/3.30/3.40pm and reopens to all children on Tuesday 5th January.

Kingswood Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December

The Kingswood Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 17th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please book via your Kingswood account by Wednesday 9th December.

Thursday 17th December

'Christmas day' in school. Wear a fun Christmas jumper or outfit (Mr Wilkinson has promised a reindeer outfit!) We will start in the morning with Christmas-themed activities, followed by our Christmas lunch and (hopefully) finishing with an online pantomime that the whole school can watch in their bubbles. Thanks to the Friends for agreeing to pay for the panto and panto sweets (if you do not want your child to have a small bag of sweets please notify us).

Church decorations

We have been asked to make Christmas decorations for the tree in the churchyard. If anyone has any good ideas, or bits that could be used to make a (weatherproof) decoration, please let us know.

Cards for the village

As we are unable to host play performances for invited guests from the community this year we are planning to send them a hand made Christmas card. If you know of anyone in the village who would appreciate a Christmas message please let us know.

Video message to other classes

On 16th December we are going to try and link up all of the classes at the same time and share messages. If your child has a favourite joke or festive message they would like to share with the other classes they will get chance to do that (fingers crossed for the technology!)

Nativity

Reception and Year 1 have worked really hard to perform a Nativity play and have done an amazing job. We will be recording it and look forward to being able to share it with everyone very soon. Well done to everyone for the fantastic job.



Christingle

On Thursday 10th December we will be holding our Christingle service in school. The children will make and light a Christingle, which they will then bring it home. Ask them if they can tell you about the components of the Christingle.

Live Nativity

This year the Live Nativity will be brought to you! Look out for Mary and Joseph journeying through the village at about 3.30pm—4.00pm on Christmas Eve. Watch them go by from your front garden or pavement. Why not make an instrument to play as they go by?

Christmas Cards and tree decorations

We would like to invite the children to bring a decoration to school that they can hang on our tree. The tree is outside but we would welcome bought or home made baubles.

In order to reduce our effect on the environment, and in light of Covid advice, we would discourage children sending Christmas cards in school. Instead we would encourage children and families to write 1 card with a Christmas message to the school and community. These messages will be laminated and displayed on the Christmas Tree outside, which has been kindly donated by Mike and Sue Knapp. A huge thank you to them for such a kind gesture. If any child would still like to send cards they will need to be distributed before or after school.

Carol singing

We are hoping over the next couple of weeks to sing carols outside as a whole school (started today). This is obviously weather dependent but please ensure that children have suitable clothing for outdoor carol singing. We will of course be following latest guidelines.

Christmas Stamps

Please collect all your used postage stamps over Christmas and bring them in to school. We are collecting them for 'Diabetes UK'.

Films

Over the Christmas period we may be showing DVDs to the children. Some of these may be rated as PG such as Paddington. These films will be thoroughly checked by staff for their suitability before showing them to the children. If you would prefer your child not to watch any films, **please make the office aware.**

