



Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week marks the start of our Christmas celebrations in school. Children will be able to use our seasonal internal Christmas post to send cards to children and staff. Please help our Christmas elves (who are very busy!) by making sure each envelope is labeled with full first and second names and the **class name**. **We will also have a giant Christmas card for children to sign INSTEAD of sending cards if you wish to save time, money and be more environmentally friendly.**

Here are the details of some of the other special Christmas events that we have planned.

Thursday 8th December

Russell Prue our Radio Professional in Residence will be here working with Years 3, 5 & 6 and broadcasting live at 2.30pm

Friday 9th December – Bobble Hat Day

Pupils and staff are invited to wear their **favourite festive** hat to school for a £1 donation for the NSPCC

Thursday 15th December – Pantomime Visit

We will be visiting the Cliffs Pavilion for our Pantomime Performance **of Robinson Crusoe**. The trip will be staffed and managed by school staff. Children should wear school uniform and may bring sweets and non fizzy drinks to take with them. Please provide these in a carrier bag clearly labeled with your child's name. We will leave school at approximately **1.00pm** and will leave the theatre **at 4.45pm** and so anticipate returning to school for about 5.45pm. Parents will be required to collect pupils from the school on our return by waiting at the gates in the normal manner so we can ensure everyone's safety. We will be travelling by coach, no booster seats etc are required. Pupils not taking part in the visit will need to be in school as usual and collected in the normal way.

We will attempt to text parents or use classDojo with updates of times.

Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Carol Singing at Lakeside

Pupils are encouraged to wear a **CHRISTMAS JUMPER** on this day and we will be asking for a £1 donation for *Save the Children*.

Oak Class will be Carol Singing at intu Lakeside **from 12.30pm until 2.30pm**. Parents may collect their children from the shopping centre if they wish. We are also trying to arrange a morning location for singing tbc.

Monday 19th December - Nativity

Year R children will be presenting a nativity performance. Parents are invited to join us in the school hall from **10.00am for a 10.15am start**. All children will be singing as part of the performance and all parents are welcome to attend. We will be reserving seats for parents of children in year R as we appreciate how special your child's first 'school play' is. Two seats will be reserved per child. Younger siblings are welcome to attend this family event but we are unable to reserve them a seat. Parents may not film the performance but photographs may be taken and the content must be for your personal use only and must not be posted online in any form. There will also be a special performance for **senior citizens only** in the afternoon at **1.45pm for a 2pm start**. This will be followed by a chance to share a cup of tea and a mince pie with some of the children (for senior citizens only). Please pass the details on to anyone you think might like to come along.

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner

We will be serving a Christmas dinner to all pupils today. It will be included in the normal £2.50 charge for children in years 3-6 and free for years R-2. Please inform the school office of any allergies or if your child is a vegetarian or vegan. Please encourage your child to have a school dinner on this day. Children should bring a change of clothes so they can **'dress for dinner'**.

Wednesday 21st December – Party Day

On the last day of term staff and pupils will be visiting the church during the morning for a traditional service. Then in the afternoon **it's party time**. We are not asking for party food this year as we will have a special party menu lunch of Sausage Hot Dogs (vegetarian sausage available) served with chips followed by a cookie and ice cream!

We will then all have a party with the *Skittleman* in the hall during the afternoon from 1pm – 3pm

No change of clothes is needed this day, pupils should wear school uniform as its chaotic enough as it is!

We are hoping that we may get a visit from Santa too.

Yours sincerely

Matt O'Grady, Headteacher

