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Dear Parent/Carer,

As it nears towards the end of term I just wanted to update you on a few arrangements.

You will already be aware that Monday is Christmas Jumper Day; pupils are welcome to wear anything festive. ParentPay is set up for any donations that you may want to make with the money being split between Save the Children and school fund.

Unfortunately our Christmas parties will not be able to go ahead in their usual format this year. In order to maintain covid bubbles the parties will be single classes only. We usually ask for a donation towards juice and crisps and also for prizes. In recognition of the exceptional circumstances people have been under this year we have allocated money for the refreshments and, due to covid and the nature of the parties there will not be the same prizes. To ensure classes get the opportunity to play games in a suitable space the parties will take place over different dates prior to the end of term; you will be notified of dates in advance.

Nursery-P3 pupils have been busy practising for their nativity performance, with filming predominantly taking place over the past week. The video will be able to be accessed through a link to the school youtube channel; the security settings will prevent it being accessible through an online search. You will be emailed a link once editing is completed and the video is uploaded.

We have greatly reduced the crossover of items between home and school since returning in August. Staff have carefully considered Christmas cards; as part of our covid mitigation measures we would ask that pupils do not bring any in. We have managed to maintain most Christmas activities in some format, however, we realise that not being able to exchange Christmas cards will be a disappoint for some pupils.

The Parent Council have been busy liaising and organising for Christmas decorations to go into shops around the town. Most classes made decorations a couple of weeks ago which can now be seen on display in various businesses. The Parent Council have generously provided a small gift for each pupil which will be given out in the last week of term.



Everyone has felt the weather conditions change over the last week or so. As we still need to have the building ventilated as part of our covid mitigations, please ensure pupils come to school adequately dressed for the weather conditions. Pupils have been reminded that they should not be throwing snowballs. When the weather conditions are wintry it would be appreciated if you could remind pupils of this, particularly prior to 9am when, unless they travel by bus or taxi, there is no supervision and pupils are the responsibility of their parent/carer.

Yours faithfully

V.L. Marshall

Mrs Marshall

