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CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

Decoration Day – Monday 30th November

We are pleased to announce that Decoration Day will go ahead this year, but unfortunately without our fantastic parent helpers – we will most definitely miss you all! On Decoration Day, children may wear festive headwear as normal but to make it even more special, rather than wearing school uniform, Christmas jumpers/T-shirts may be worn, as part of a **non-school uniform day**.

As part of this day, classes will be working on a frieze of scenes to represent the Christmas story that will be displayed near the Butler Road entrance, once completed and waterproofed! Also, so that we can share more of Decoration Day with you, photos of the other Christmas displays the children have made will be on OWL in the individual Year Group areas. We hope you enjoy seeing their work.

Christmas Cards

In order to reduce cross-contamination between our year group bubbles, children may write Christmas cards for friends in their year groups and these can be collected within their classes for giving out at a time agreed by the teachers. These should be written at home to bring into school from Tuesday 1st December. Any cards for distribution to others outside of their year group may also be brought into school. These will be kept separate and isolated for 72 hours before they are distributed.

Please encourage your child to write the full name and class on the envelope, so that they get to the right person. Last post day will be Tuesday 15th December.

Carol Service

Unfortunately, this year we have had to cancel our normal Christmas Carol Service at St. John's Church. However, we have arranged for someone from St. John's to come to the school to lead an outdoor service for **children and staff only**. This will take place in the playground on the morning of Wednesday 16th December (with a reserve date Thursday of 17th December in case of poor weather). Please be assured that the children will remain in their separate year group bubbles, at the required 2m distance from others to ensure social distancing. It is likely to be cold outside so please ensure your child has warm outdoor clothing to wear.

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Christmas Lunch & Menu Changes

Thursday 17th December will be **Christmas Dinner** – Christmas jumpers and festive hats may be worn **with their normal school uniform.**

Wednesday 16th December will be the menu for the Thursday of that week.

Christmas Jumper Day – Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 18th December, the last day of term, there will another opportunity for the children to wear their festive tops in aid of the charity, Daisy's Dream. This charity supports children and families who have suffered a bereavement.

Everyone will be asked to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies and make a minimum donation of £1.00. If your child doesn't have a festive sweater already, a plain jumper decorated with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes would be lovely.

If you would like to know more about Daisy's Dream, or are concerned about a child impacted by bereavement or serious illness, you can visit www.daisysdream.org.uk for more information about how to get in touch.

End of Term

We would normally finish at 1.30pm on the last day of term, but due to the current staggered end of day for the different year groups please be aware that this will change. Further information will follow about pick-up arrangements.

We look forward to a festive time.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. H. West
Headteacher