



**Term Dates** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

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### Message from Mrs Starkie

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you and those close to you are keeping safe and well in these challenging times. I would like to stress my appreciation for your help and your commitment to following all that you have been asked to do, to ensure that we keep our school Covid Safe.

A big 'thank you' from myself and all the staff, who are all working tremendously hard within the school to keep us all safe.

Christmas in school will be very different this academic year, but we will do our very best to make it as happy as possible for the children.

The following information will give you an idea of what will be happening in school, but there will be further details as the end of term approaches.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

### Christmas Productions

Our normal Key Stage productions will not be able to take place this year and as you will understand, parents and visitors are not allowed in school. We hope that each class will arrange their own Nativity/Assembly which can be shared with you on Tapestry/ SeeSaw, or via a video link which we will share with families.



### Christmas Cards & Gifts

Please ensure that children do not bring gifts to school for their friends or staff this year. Presents would be impossible to quarantine, so in accordance with our Covid risk assessment, we cannot let children give or receive items from other households.

Parents are always very kind to staff at this time of year, but this Christmas we would be happy if you could donate the money you would spend on gifts to a charity. It would be lovely if those less fortunate could benefit from your generosity. Thank you.

If your child wishes to send Christmas cards, please send one card to school for their friends and teacher, which will be quarantined and then hung up in class for everyone to share.



### A Prayer for Christmas Shoppers

Dear God,

grant me the grace to accept the things I cannot afford and not try to buy them anyway;  
the courage to change my mind about something I don't really like and just take it back or leave it in the shop to begin with;

and the wisdom to know the difference between items that are worth the expense and items that should only ever be bought in a sale! Amen.

**School will close on Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.10 p.m.**  
**and re-open on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



### Christmas Jumper Day

We will be having Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The School Council would like children to wear something festive and bring a tin, which we will quarantine, to donate to the local Foodbank. Thank you.



### Christmas Dinner



A festive Christmas lunch, with turkey and trimmings will be served by Caterlink on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will cost £2 for children in KS 2 or £1.30 for nursery pupils. Please let us know if your child does not normally have a lunch, but would like to order a meal on December 17<sup>th</sup>. All payments can be made through ParentPay.

### Pantomime



Unfortunately, we are unable to have our annual visit to the Sands Centre this year to see the pantomime. As an alternative, we have subscribed to an online panto production, which the school will be able to watch.

Children will be able to enjoy “Jack & The Beanstalk” via Zoom, on their classroom whiteboard, in their own bubble during the last week of term.

### Party Time

Class bubbles will be having their own Christmas parties in classrooms on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Everything will be provided by the school and children in non-uniform/party clothes.



### End of Term

Children can come in non-uniform on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and our end of term Celebration Assembly for pupils and staff will take place that morning via Zoom in each classroom.

**School will close at 1.10 p.m. and all children will need to be collected. Finishing times will be staggered for different class bubbles to enable social distancing - more information will follow when details are confirmed.**

School will re-open on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



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