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1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents,

As Christmas is now fast approaching, I wanted to let you know about some of the festivities which will be taking place in school.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The cost will be £2.00 for any child in Y3/4/5/6 who wishes to join us. Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will receive the dinner free of charge, should they wish to join us, due to the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, if they wish to do so. On this day we will be also be taking part in the Northumberland Santa Dash, where all children will take part in a 15 minute run in the school grounds, in their class bubble.

### Christmas Songs

We are still waiting for the last few parental consents to come through to video the children singing their Christmas songs. The link to their songs will be shared via Parentmail in the last week of term.

### Christmas Cards

Children are often in the throw of writing Christmas cards at this time of year. To minimise exchanges and to keep the children as safe as possible, we are suggesting that Christmas cards can be posted in our Swarland Christmas post box by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December and these will be distributed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Our cook has kindly offered to make the party food for the school lunch. This will cost £2 per child if your child is in Y3/4/5/6 as children in Reception to Year 2 have free school meals as part of the Government scheme. Children should come to school already dressed in their warm party clothes and with suitable outdoor footwear. No heels or sandals please. Although we cannot have a party altogether this year, each class will be taking part in their own party games and activities.

### Christmas Panto

Our regular visit to the theatre alternated with a theatre group visiting school cannot take place this year due to safety reasons. As an alternative, each class will be hosting a magical Christmas movie afternoon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be provided with refreshments and goodies during the afternoon.





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### Flu Immunisations

For those parents who have signed up for their child to have the flu immunisation this year, we have been set a provisional date on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December for this to take place.

### Alnwick Food Bank

Although Christmas can be an exciting time of year, it is recognised that for some families this time of year can be very challenging financially. If you need support with providing food for your family over the Christmas period, please contact Alnwick Food Bank directly by either telephoning 07498488797 or e-mailing : [alnwickdistrictfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:alnwickdistrictfoodbank@gmail.com)

### Children In Need Donations

Thank you to all of those who made donations to Children In Need. We raised £137.90.

### Staffing

Mrs Uddin has joined our team this month and will be working in the Year 3 & 4 class with Miss Campbell.

### New Year Opening Dates

Children will be returning to school after the Christmas holidays on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of myself and the staff.

### Dates For Diaries

11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day and last day for Christmas cards to be posted at school

14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Movie afternoon

15<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Christmas Lunch

17<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Cards distributed

18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party.

18<sup>th</sup> December - Children break up for Christmas.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021- Children come back to school.

Regards,

Mrs Louise Fletcher

Headteacher

