



30 November, 2020

Dear Families,

This week's Statement to Live By is:



Simple things can make us happy



Advent



Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent, the season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Although we have had to re-think the way we do things this year, plans are well underway to make sure we can still enjoy the season of Advent and make it a special time for our children.

Christmas Performances

As we are unable to have live audiences this year, class performances will be recorded and uploaded onto our website for family and friends to enjoy. Please ensure you sign and return the consent form so that your child is able to participate in the performance.

Christmas Dinner



All children in school will be able to enjoy Christmas dinner.

Wednesday 16 December - Nursery; Reception; Year 1; Year 2.

Thursday 17 December - Years 3, 4, 5, 6

We will assume all children will be having a Christmas dinner unless the school office is informed otherwise (by Wednesday 2 December). There will be a vegetarian option available.

If your child is in KS2 and pays for dinners, £2.20 will be added to your School Money Account.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children can choose to come to school in their Christmas themed clothes (whether that be jumper, socks, hair bands or something red and green) **on the day they are having their Christmas dinner.**

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We usually ask for a donation of £1 for 'non-uniform' days but this year we are asking please for donations of food items for local food banks. Many thanks for your generosity.

Christmas Parties



At the end of term each class will enjoy a Christmas party. Children can wear their own clothes and, like last year, we are asking that children bring in their own food. Party food will not be refrigerated ahead of eating in the afternoon so please bear that in mind when choosing party food for your child.



Christmas Cards/Presents

We are blessed to work with families who are so generous and appreciative of the work staff do with their children. Families may be considering buying presents for staff. Given that circumstances have been, and continue to be, very difficult for many families please can we ask that you don't! If you would like to thank a particular member of staff by sending a card, letter or drawing this is always much appreciated. We have the best gift of all in your child being a member of our school community!

Children are asked NOT to write and send Christmas cards for everyone in their class. 1 card sent to the whole class will be much appreciated. As we are all continuing to work and play in our 'bubbles' children will not be able to visit other classes to deliver cards.

We enjoyed having all classes back in school this week. We have been very fortunate that so far, we have had to ask only 1 class to self-isolate. Well done everyone for following the measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe and well! Please remain vigilant and continue to follow the guidance.

God bless

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