



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hamper Donations

Thank you very much for your donations of food, drink and other gifts for the BSA raffle hampers this morning. Amber Wing has taken everything away and will put it in her garage for 72 hours before beginning to sort everything in to hampers as prizes for the raffle.

Poppy Appeal

I am very pleased to announce that our school raised £115 from the sale of poppies in November. This is an excellent effort considering the current restrictions. Thank you.

Winter Plant Sale

Congratulations and thank you to Bronwyn and the Tandy family for raising £132 for BSA funds from their winter plant sale recently. We definitely have a budding entrepreneur or garden centre manager in the making!

Lunch in the Last Week

As you know, Michelle and her team will be cooking a traditional Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December and these should be ordered in the usual way via ParentPay.

The children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.

We will not be serving a hot meal (Fish and Chips) on Friday 18th December (the final day of term), because of the earlier finish (1.30 – 2.00pm). We will offer this on the previous day (Thursday 17th) instead. School packed lunches will be available on the 18th.

Christmas Cards to Distribute

As I mentioned recently, the big red Christmas post box will be at the gate from this Monday until Wednesday 9th December. We will then leave the cards for a few days before distributing them in the final week of term. If the weather is particularly wet, it is unlikely that we will put the post box out. Please do not feel that the children have to give Christmas cards, it is just that many of them enjoy the experience of writing, posting and giving cards.

Santanory at 6

The Witney Lions are unable to do their traditional sleigh ride around Witney with Father Christmas this year and they have therefore come up with a novel online experience. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in December, Santa will be reading a story at 6.00pm and reading out children's Christmas wishes. If you would like to be part of this, please visit their Facebook page. The link below is a video introduction for families about this initiative:

<https://youtu.be/djH6BAatfv0>.



Age UK Oxfordshire

One of our parents works for Age UK Oxfordshire and has asked me to mention that they will be delivering 2500 Christmas meals to the lonely, isolated and vulnerable over the Christmas period. They normally include a Christmas goody bag and a card. They would love to add home-made cards from children as well. If you would like to support this, please encourage your child to make a card and return it to school by Tuesday 8th December. They should include a message along the lines of "Thinking of you and wishing you a Merry Christmas". Thank you for considering this.

Oxford Children's Hospital Charity

Usually at this time of the year the Oxford Children's Hospital would be welcoming donations of gifts for the children in hospital over the festive period. Unfortunately this can't happen this year but they do have an online Christmas shop at www.hospitalcharity.co.uk/giveagift where you can help to buy a toy or contribute to one of the projects the charity is funding.

I realise that I am promoting more opportunities to support charities than usual, but I am sure you will understand that this sector is being particularly hard hit by the coronavirus situation and would still dearly love to help people in challenging circumstances. Please do not feel you have to support them all, or indeed any, but I know many children and their families would like to help in some way.

Many thanks for all your support so far this term.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne
Headteacher

