



Chesnut Lodge School and Specialist SEN College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted remind you of the Christmas arrangements in school next week, and to let you know that we have been fortunate enough to secure a Pantomime in school for all students in school and those at home if we are able to get the technology working on the day! There is no charge for this, as the fund raising had already taken place in school pre covid.

Just to reassure you, the pantomime comprises one actor, who will stay at the front of the hall at all times, who will interact with the students, and with the characters on the screen in a pre-recorded performance. The performances will take place in the school hall, with windows and doors open and will be for discrete bubbles with each class sitting in a separate area of the hall.

Tuesday 15th December 2020: Children in Bubbles 1 and 2 and Sensory Base to come to school in their party clothes

M&M pantomime – The Wizard of Oz.

9.15am Bubble 1 (Foundation, Primary 1 and Primary 2)

10.45am Bubble 2 (Primary 3, Secondary 1 and Secondary 2)

1.00pm Bubble 3 (Sensory Base, Secondary 3 and Secondary 4)

Christmas Parties for classes in Bubble 1, Bubble 2 and Sensory Base

Wednesday 16th December 2020:

Christmas Dinner. Served in classes

Pm Christmas Parties for Secondary 3 and 4

Thursday 17th December 2020:

Carols (Weather permitting may be earlier if there is a poor forecast)

All classes to be on the playground for 2pm (bubbles / classes to be distanced) Mr Roberts will accompany us all in some favourite Christmas Carols. We will also be serving 'Hot' Chocolate.

Please make sure that you child brings appropriate clothing into school to spend 30 minutes out in the playground.



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As you will know, school closes for the Christmas break at **3pm on Thursday 17th December** and schools have been asked to put arrangements in place, should a member of our school community begin to display covid-19 symptoms in the 48 hours after school has closed.

Please read this carefully and follow the guidance so that we can help reduce the spread of the virus.

It is vital that you have the school app downloaded and working, as we will use this to contact you should there be a need for your child to self-isolate.

Please keep checking the app for the first 6 days of the holiday (up to and including the 23rd December). The Government anticipates that after 6 days, we will not need to contact you regarding self-isolation as any school contact of those that have tested positive will have been traced before then.

During the holidays, if you child has any of the following symptoms:

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **A loss of taste or smell**

You must take them for a Covid Test. If they test positive and their symptoms start before 3pm on Saturday 19th December, **you MUST inform the school via the parent app. or by email.** Please note that the school answer machine will not be being checked.

This is so that we can inform the relevant authorities and inform parents if any others need to self-isolate.

Thank you to you all for your support over what has been an extremely challenging term.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, see you on 4th January 2021.

Kind regards

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