

# Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 2.12.20



Welcome back today to the Flying Falcons who have been working so hard on their online classroom for the past two weeks. It is so lovely to have everyone back in school ready for the exciting run up to Christmas!

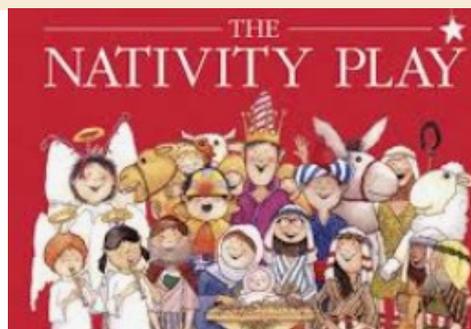
I think this year so many of us have put up our Christmas decorations already to ensure we make the most of the festive time and I know the children are getting very excited!

We are doing all we can in school to keep up our Christmas school traditions, albeit in a different way. Please pop into your diaries the key dates coming up over the next three weeks.

## After School Clubs

As I'm sure you are aware lockdown has now finished but Leicestershire has now been placed into Tier 3 restrictions. Whilst Leicestershire remains in Tier 3 there will be no after school clubs at school. This again prevents any mixing of class bubbles and reduces the time of both adults and children mixing in school.

Thank you for understanding.



We have begun to prepare for our Christmas nativities in school and the children are certainly enjoying getting into character and have begun to learn their lines.

The Busy Bees will be doing their own production this year of the 'Wriggly Nativity'.

The rest of the school are working in their class bubbles to put a full nativity together with the Shooting Stars, Flying Falcons and Phoenix Tribe taking their own sections of the Christmas story. These sections will all be recorded and put together for you to view at home.

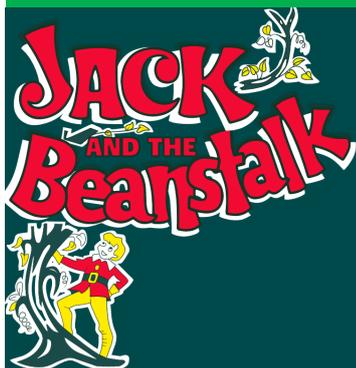
Unfortunately as we are in Tier 3 we are unable to invite parents into the school to view the performances but they will be recorded and uploaded to the Google Classroom on Wednesday 16th December 2020. These of course can be shared at home with your friends and family but can not be shared on social media. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## School Christmas Dinner



The school Christmas dinner is planned for Thursday 17th December 2020. This will be a festive dinner with their friends in their class bubbles.

The children are more than welcome to put on their Christmas jumpers for the day!



Each year we usually take our trip out to Loughborough to watch the Christmas panto as a whole school. This year we have booked a Christmas Panto online. The children will be watching the Panto on Tuesday 15th December 2020 in their class bubbles. We have booked a live session where there will be an opportunity for shout outs, birthdays and special mentions with Peter Duncan as Dame Trott and special guests!

The PTA will be providing some delicious goodies for the children to enjoy whilst watching the performance.



We are happy to announce that each class will be having a Christmas Party. In their class bubbles. Your child can come to school already dressed in their party clothes but it is recommended to send an extra pair of shoes or wellies for break times so they don't get dirty.

Due to the current situation this year we will not be sharing the party food as in previous years. Every child is asked to bring their own named plate of party food for their party for them to enjoy. Please don't pack too much onto the plate as they will have had lunch and they will want to play party games outdoors.

The dates for the parties are as follows:

Class	Date
Busy Bees	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Shooting Stars	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Flying Falcons	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Phoenix Tribe	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Crib

The church are not able to put on their Christmas crib display this year but the school are still going to keep to the tradition of making our Christmas cribs and taking them over to the church on Wednesday 16th December. The class bubbles will be going over to the church to take their Christmas cribs to put on display and put a decorated bauble on the church Christmas tree.

We will be having a Christmas service at the church in our class bubbles with reverend Lauretta.



### Santa Run

Our sponsored Christmas Santa run will be taking place on Friday 11th December 2020. All our children will be given a sponsor form from the PTA where the school is hoping to raise money to buy school I-pads.

All children will have the opportunity to take part in the run during their class PE lesson with Mr Slaney on Friday 11th December. The PTA will be providing Christmas hats for the children to wear for the run. Further information will follow.



Thank you all so much for your support this term, it has certainly been a challenging one.

The staff have worked so hard this term making the school work for the children. They have not only been doing all they can to catch up the learning that some of the children missed but also carrying out lunch duties and extra playground duties to ensure that we could keep the class bubbles separate at all times. I would like to say a huge thank you to them all.

A big well done also goes to your children who have been an absolute credit to you all by taking on the class bubbles, social distancing measures and hygiene standards. They have taken everything in their stride and I'm incredibly proud of them all.

If I don't manage to see you over the last 3 weeks of the term have a very merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Best Wishes, Mrs Gray