

# Christmas Events 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us with many events for children to enjoy during the run up to Christmas. Here are some dates that you may wish to put in your diary so you know what is happening and when.

## Christmas Plays and Performances

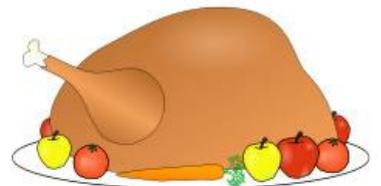
Usually, each class works on their very own Christmas Nativity Play with all of the children taking a part. We normally invite parents in to watch a performance of each class Nativity in the Dining Hall. Playgroup age children usually work on Christmas songs and rhymes then perform these in a sing-a-long for their parents.

This year, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to invite parents in to the building to watch their children perform. However, we will be continuing with the Christmas traditions above and staff will video the performances for parents/carers. During the last week of term, each class will post a video of their Christmas performance on to their Class Dojo for parents/carers to watch at home.

While we are very pleased to be able to share the videos with you, we **must insist** parents/carers **do NOT share** these videos on to any other social media. Thank you! So, keep an eye on your Class Dojo so you don't miss out on this opportunity.

## Christmas Dinner Day is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Our Cook usually prepares a special festive Christmas Lunch on this day. However, because of Covid restrictions, we have changed this slightly. We are offering **ALL** of the children a **FREE** hot Christmas boxed-lunch this year. All of the children are welcome to have this even if they usually have packed lunch. All of the staff will eat a hot Christmas boxed Lunch with the children too, to make this a special Christmas event. We fund this directly through the school, so parents/carers do not have to pay anything.



## Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day is on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

This year, we will hold our Christmas Parties in school with children in their usual 'Bubble Groups'. Children should be dropped off for 10.00 a.m. at their usual entrance points. We have booked Mr. Merlin the Magician who will perform for each group of children as usual, although even he has to socially distance during his performance now. After watching the magician, children will take part in party games and have a party lunch. Each child will have a FREE party box lunch on Party Day - paid for by our School Fund. We are hoping Santa will join us too - if he is not too busy!



Children can come in their own Party clothes for this event.

Parents and carers collect their children at 1.00 p.m. from their usual places/gates at the end of the party.

### Christmas Holidays

Monkchester Road Nursery School, Playgroup and Family Centre close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 18th December 2020 at 12.00 Noon.

We open again in the New Year on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at our normal times

Please speak to your classroom staff if you require any additional information about any of these events or call us on 0191 2654579. You can also email us or use our Class Dojos for more information if you need it.

### Christmas Cards

Many parents have asked us if the children can send Christmas Cards to each other this year. We know many of the children like to do this at Christmas.

We have thought of a way that children can safely send Christmas Cards, while keeping cross contamination of the Coronavirus at a minimum.

In the mornings, staff will have a special post box for children to post their Christmas Cards in. We will keep this box in isolation/quarantine until Party Day when we will hand out the cards addressed to each child to take home.

As such, the last post for school Christmas Cards will have to be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. All children will need to post their Christmas Cards in to their class boxes before the end of the day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. This way, all the cards children take home will have been quarantined for the advised 72 hours before being passed on to their friends.

Thank you for your continued help with our activities,

**All of the Nursery Staff**

