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'Better Never Stops'



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Dear Parents,

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Early Adopter School: EYFS Framework

This school is an Early Adopter School for children in the Foundation Stage (Plus Club and F2/Reception). The rest of the schools across the country will be expected to adopt the new framework from September 2021. The government has decided to change the guidance that staff will use to assess the Early Years Early Learning Goals. Nothing will change for children, parents and carers gives staff new guidance for making assessments. Our staff have very quickly become experts in the new framework and will be happy to discuss any queries that you may have.

Presents for Parents

Each year we hold a small 'no profit' Christmas shop in which the children can buy Christmas presents for their family. We will still be doing it this year but unfortunately we cannot have parents in to help wrap the presents. This year, the children will visit the shop in their class bubbles and they can buy up to 4 presents for members of their family. The children choose the gifts they want for members of their family – each costing £1.50 and will already be pre-wrapped. All payments will need to be made on ParentPay. The presents have already been wrapped and will have been quarantined for a substantial period of time before the children can purchase them. We will still make it a special experience for the children despite doing things slightly differently this year. This year, the Presents for Parents event will be on Tuesday 15th December.

Christmas Cards and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December is Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day'. Please consider wearing non-uniform with a Christmas jumper on Friday 11th Jumper and making a completely optional donation [using this Just Giving link](#) of £2 (Minimum Just Giving Contribution) so you don't have to worry about finding any cash. We are also asking any child who would like to write Christmas cards for other children in their class to bring them into school by Friday 11th at the latest. They must go straight into the child's classroom where they can be instantly quarantined until they are given out in the last week.

Christmas Dinner

We know it is slightly different this year and hopefully it will be the only Christmas that we ever need to do this but our Christmas Dinner's will be served to the children on Thursday December 12th. The children will each get a Christmas box prepared by our cooks and will eat their Christmas dinner together as a class. The food will be hot although in order to ensure we can get this food to the whole school, the diner and the trimmings will be served this year in a batch. We know it is not quite the same as having the usual Christmas meal but as always we will try to make it a very special time in the classroom.

Christmas Tree

Once again, we have had the most beautiful Christmas tree donated to us by Church Farm in Thurstaston. They have provided the school tree for well over a decade and they have never asked us for a penny. We thank everyone at Church Farm for the lovely tree and for the smile it has brought to the children's faces.

PTA Christmas Appeal 2020

A reminder that the NEO Community Christmas appeal that will support children living in poverty right here in Wirral, will be collecting the presents from the school on Friday December 11th. Tags were given out last week and the presents will be collected outside school on this day. Please avoid sending them into school any earlier as we would have to quarantine any that come into school. Thank you so much to everybody who has agreed to take part.

Christmas Performances

Christmas performances will be recorded over the coming weeks and when ready, we will add them to your children's Google Classrooms so that you can enjoy them together. We will not be sharing any of them on social media or the Internet. We will respect the request of any parents' who do not want their child to appear on the Google Classroom performances.

Best Wishes

Mr J Lawrenson, Headteacher

