



BLACK HORSE HILL **INFANT SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The festive season is nearly upon us! Although we won't be able to celebrate in quite the same way as we have done in previous years we will try to make the next few weeks as special and magical for the children as possible.

Please find outlined below the events that we have organised:

Sing-a-long Nativity

In our Zoom assemblies we will be sharing the story from the Bible about the birth of Jesus and the importance of the story to the Christian faith. We have covered celebrations from other faiths in assemblies and our children will continue to develop their understanding of different religious beliefs.

Instead of our usual Christmas plays the children will be participating in a Sing-a-long Nativity. Each class will be singing a song to reflect the different parts of the story. The children have already started practising their songs and it is lovely to hear the sound of their voices in school. Please be reassured that we are following the government recommendations for singing in schools.

On **Thursday 10th December** the children will be filmed singing their song. One of our school families has very kindly agreed to pay for the cost of filming. Thank you so much Mr and Mrs Lawton.

We ask that on this day the children come to school dressed up to reflect their part of the story. Below you will find the costume suggestions for each class:

Foundation 1 Mrs Honeybourne's class- Angels or Mary

Mrs Bancroft's class- Mary, Joseph or the donkey

Mrs Lucan's class- Innkeepers

Mr Young's class- Shepherds or sheep

Mr Hamm's class- Kings, camels or gifts

Miss Murphy's class- Any character from the nativity including animals

Mrs Astbury's class- Party clothes

If you are having trouble organising a costume for your child please speak to the class teacher because we do have a small number of costumes in school. If your child's costume is not suitable for playing out safely, or comfortably, then please send a change of clothes into school.

It is important that you contact school before the filming date if you do not want your child to take part in the Sing-a-long Nativity DVD.

The DVD will be available for parents/carers to purchase on ParentPay; school cannot accept payments by cash or cheque. The minimum cost per DVD is £2, but extra donations per DVD are welcome and more than one DVD can be purchased. All profits made will be split between School Fund and Claire House Children's Hospice.

There will be a consent box to tick on ParentPay. By ticking the consent you will be agreeing to not share the DVD or any part of it on social media. You will also be agreeing to not copy and distribute the DVD.

The DVD will be sent out w/c 14th December.

Christmas Jumper day

This year we will be participating in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper day which takes place on **Friday 11th December**. Send your child into school in their Christmas jumper and make your own donation direct to the charity.

The fun never ends on this day with each class taking part in a Christmas Bake off kindly organised by our very own Mary Berry and Nadia Hussain, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Myers.

Christmas Craft workshops

Each class will be visiting the hall in the week commencing 14th December to participate in a Christmas craft workshop. Don't worry everything the children make will be sent home to decorate your tree or house!

Party Day and Christmas Lunch

We will have a Christmas Party on **Thursday 17th December**. All children can come to school dressed in **WARM** party clothes.

Hopefully we will have a virtual visit from Father Christmas and every child will receive a gift from FOBHHS who are currently very busy wrapping all of the presents. Thank you FOBHHS.

In addition, our fabulous cook Patra will be making a Christmas lunch for all of the children.

Our F1 children will also be provided with a Christmas lunch and there will be a separate letter outlining how this will happen.

Non- uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 18th December**; this will be a free event.

Fingers crossed, with the help of FOBHHS, we will be watching a virtual pantomime on this day.

Christmas Cards

For this year we ask that children **do not** bring Christmas cards for their friends in to school.

Dates for 2021

Out of School Club provision is booking up quickly. If you require provision for January please return your booking form as soon as possible.

We have a Staff Development Day on Monday 4th January so children return to school after the holidays on **Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

I will miss seeing you all at the Christmas plays this year. I do love meeting not only parents/carers but also the children's grandparents. With the promise of a vaccine imminent I hope our usual plans will be able to resume next year.

At BHHIS we feel it is an absolute privilege to educate your children and we are so pleased that we have been able to play our part during this pandemic. From us all at Black Horse Hill we hope that you can enjoy some family time over the Christmas holidays (when they arrive) and that you make the most of this magical time with your children. As I always say, enjoy the memories because they don't stay little forever!

Thank you for all your support and Happy Christmas.

Mrs Julie Morris
Headteacher

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Diary Dates at a Glance

Date	What is needed?
Thursday 10th December	Sing-a-Long Nativity Costumes
Friday 11th December	Christmas jumpers
Thursday 17th December	Warm Party Clothes
Friday 18th December	Non-uniform day
Tuesday 5th January	Send your children back to school.