

Covid safe Christmas arrangements at Upperwood 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas in school will be a little bit different this year, however we still hope to make it as exciting as possible and would like to inform you of our plans for Christmas 2020.

Christmas cards and calendars

Your child's Christmas card and calendar will come home on Friday 18th December inside a plastic wallet that has been wiped with an antibacterial wipe. You may choose to leave this to one side for 72 hours before opening. Unfortunately, children and staff are asked not to bring in Christmas cards to school this year. Children can post a picture of a Christmas card to Seesaw, (this could be one they have made or a bought one) class teachers will share these with the class on the big screen. Unfortunately, we ask that Christmas gifts are not brought into school this year for children or staff.

Nativity

Due to restrictions on group gatherings, our Foundation Stage pupils will carry out their Christmas nativity in school and we will be filming this for parents. The film of this will be shared on our website and social media on Monday 14th December. Permission to be in the nativity will be sought beforehand. If you would prefer your child not to be filmed, please let the class teacher know.

Christmas dinner

Christmas dinner will take place on Friday 11th December. Please see additional letter. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and their normal school bottoms for the day if they wish.

Christmas parties

Each class will have their own Christmas party on Thursday 17th December in the afternoon in classrooms. Children are invited to attend school in party clothes for the full day. Clothing **MUST be suitable** for the current weather and to wear for a full day. No PE will take place on this day.

Decorations and Christmas tree

We will be having a Christmas tree at the flag pole. Children will all be able to see this on their way home at the end of the day. Class teachers may have a small Christmas tree up in classrooms.

Santa visit

We will be having some exciting virtual visits this year so as not to cross bubbles. We are hopeful that Santa's elves may leave us a little gift! Thank you to FOCUS group for funding this.

Upperwood's Got Talent!

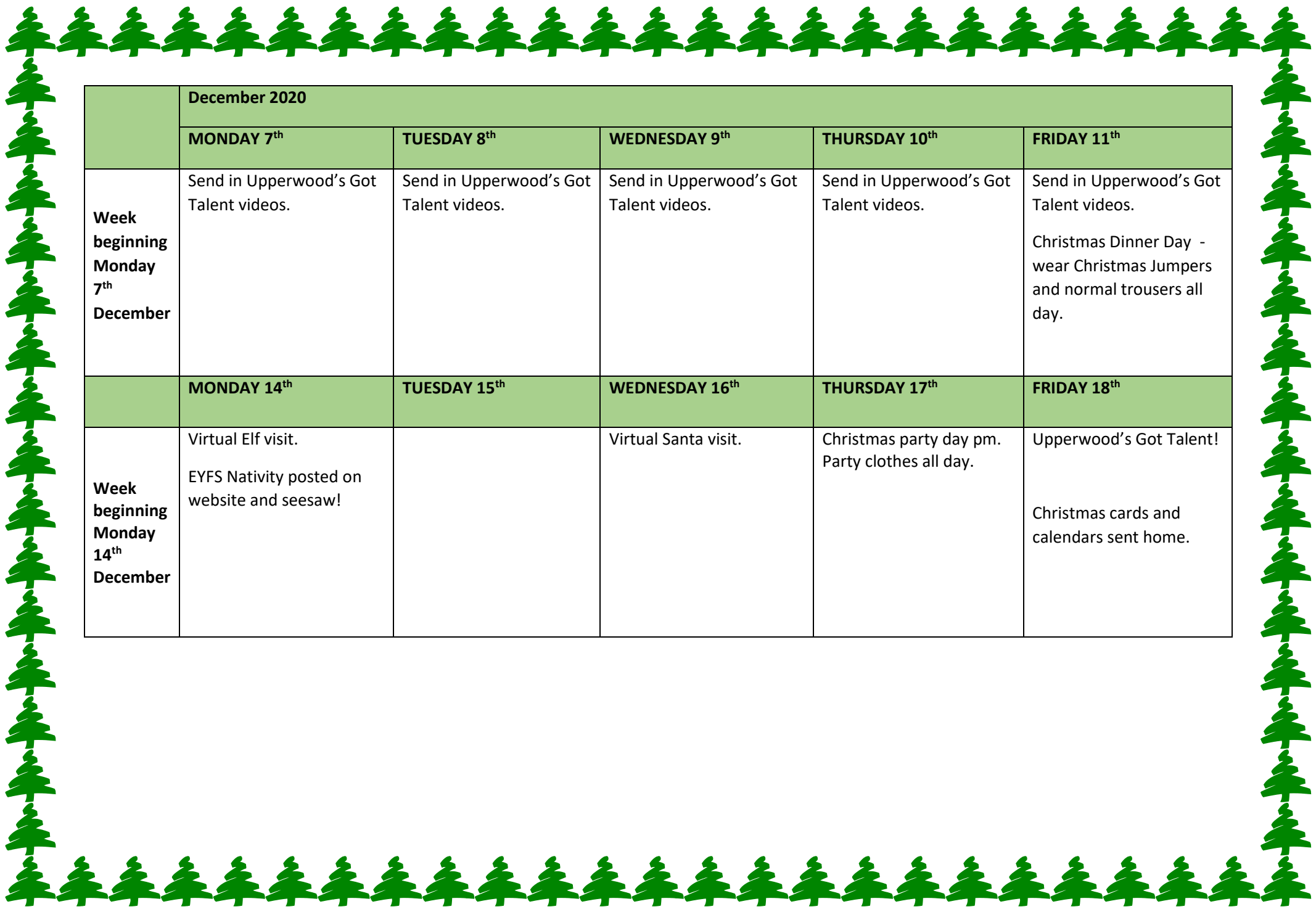
So that we can all still enjoy the part we love most about Christmas, children are invited to post their talent in a video on Seesaw. Please send in only one video per child on week beginning Monday 7th December. Their talent may be comedy, a magic trick, singing, dancing or whatever hidden child your child may have! On the morning of Friday 18th December, classes will all sit down and watch the videos posted of children in their class. Classes can vote on a winner. Mr Budd and Miss Charity will also choose 3 winners across school.

Activities

Various other craft activities and maybe even Christmas movie will be enjoyed in the last week of term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Upperwood staff



December 2020					
	MONDAY 7 th	TUESDAY 8 th	WEDNESDAY 9 th	THURSDAY 10 th	FRIDAY 11 th
Week beginning Monday 7th December	Send in Upperwood's Got Talent videos.	Send in Upperwood's Got Talent videos.	Send in Upperwood's Got Talent videos.	Send in Upperwood's Got Talent videos.	Send in Upperwood's Got Talent videos. Christmas Dinner Day - wear Christmas Jumpers and normal trousers all day.
	MONDAY 14 th	TUESDAY 15 th	WEDNESDAY 16 th	THURSDAY 17 th	FRIDAY 18 th
Week beginning Monday 14th December	Virtual Elf visit. EYFS Nativity posted on website and seesaw!		Virtual Santa visit.	Christmas party day pm. Party clothes all day.	Upperwood's Got Talent! Christmas cards and calendars sent home.