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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the month of December and begin the festive period, I am writing with further details of our Christmas Arrangements.

### School Christmas Cards - week beginning Monday 7th December

This year it will only be possible for us to exchange Christmas cards within Year Groups. For children who wish to send cards to children and staff in their Year Group, there will be a box in each classroom for the children to place their cards. These will then be sorted and given to the children for them to take home. The children really enjoy receiving their cards this way and we would encourage all children to use the box to share their cards.

### Christmas lunch- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

A flyer will be emailed next week with details of the Christmas Dinner. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children receive a free Christmas dinner. For children in Key Stage 2, please ensure there are sufficient funds on their Squid account. No advanced ordering is required, Christmas dinner will be ordered on the morning in classes as usual.

FOB have also arranged for a fundraiser to take place on this day (Flyer attached). The children (and staff) are invited to participate in Whoville Christmas Mad Hair Day. This could involve wearing a wig, headpiece, hat, head boppers or accessories. Hair colour and hair glitter are permitted but please ensure these are able to be washed out before the following school day. FOB are kindly asking for a £1 donation for this event. Which should be brought into school on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### Class Parties - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The children are encouraged to bring in age appropriate party clothes, which they can wear for the party in the afternoon. School uniform must still be worn in the morning.

Instead of shared food donations this year, we would ask you to provide a small sandwich bag or plastic container labelled with your child's name containing some treats for your child to enjoy. This could include crisps, biscuits, small cakes or savoury items. We would request that contributions do not contain nuts. The school will provide water and fruit squash throughout the afternoon as well as paper plates and disposable cups.

Please note, the class parties do not replace their lunchtime school dinner or packed lunch.

## Final day of term - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Our final day of term is always very busy as we prepare for the Christmas break. The children will be completing any outstanding Christmas activities, tidying their trays/lockers and attending year group assemblies. However, we are happy for children to bring in games to play with their friends once these activities have been completed. These must not be electronic devices, phones, iPods etc.



We would also like the children (and staff) to wear a Christmas jumper to school for the last day of the term instead of their school jumper/cardigan. This is not a complete non-uniform day and children are still required to wear the remaining school uniform as usual. No donation is required for this day; it is just for fun!

### Trussell Trust Fundraiser

A reminder of our Foodbank appeal. Our LIFE Ambassadors would like to create Christmas treat bags which will be donated to our nearest Trussell Trust food banks to be distributed to local families in addition to essential food items. We will also be adding to the bags hand written gift tags containing Christmas messages. We would really appreciate donations of the following items:

Christmas chocolates	Sparkling non-alcoholic drink
Luxury biscuits	Sharing bags of crisps
Savoury crackers	Tea /Coffee
Jam	Chutney
Hand wash and other toiletries (Foodbanks are particularly asking for these at the moment)	



If you would like to contribute, please send your item/s into school with your child. There will be boxes in each class where donations can be placed until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you would also like to bring in a gift tag with a Christmas message written on, you are very welcome to do so (No names or first names only please). These can also be placed in the donations box and will be added to the gift bags before they are distributed. Thank you for the donations already received.



### Christmas Around the World

As I included in my previous letter, it will not be possible for us to perform a series of Christmas concerts to live audiences and we understand how disappointing this is for the pupils, parents and staff. However, the children are busy preparing for a whole school Christmas showcase called 'Children of the World'. All children (with previously given video permission) will be sharing with you how Christmas is celebrated around the world through music, drama and art. A link for this performance will be emailed to you during the final week of this term. It would be lovely to spend a Christmas evening as a family watching our school production on the sofa with a hot chocolate!



We hope that the events we have planned for the children, make them smile and give them some enjoyment after what has been a very challenging year for us all.

Yours Sincerely,



Katherine Hart  
Head teacher

