



Christmas Newsletter 2020



Although we are unable to plan all of our usual Christmas celebrations and events, there is plenty to help us all to feel festive over the next few weeks.

Christmas Cards

In line with the arrangements for the past few years, please can we ask that children in YR/1/2 who want to send a Christmas card just send one to the whole class, rather than bringing in individual cards. Children in KS2 may bring in Christmas cards for individuals in **their own class only**, if they wish. Please can these be brought in by Friday 11th December. They will be placed in a class 'postbox' and distributed in the last week of term to allow time for them to be 'quarantined'!

FOWPS Secret Santa—Friday 11th December

You should have already have received information about the FOWPS 'Secret Santa' event which is taking place next week, adapted to work within our risk assessment. All profits from this event go to FOWPS, and we are very grateful for Mrs Frampton and her team of 'elves' who make this event possible! If you have paid for your child to take part, they will bring home stickers next week for each present — please can these be labelled with the recipients' names, ready to stick on their presents and brought into school on Friday with a carrier bag.

Christmas Dinner Day - Wear a Christmas Hat/Jumper/Accessory—Tuesday 16th December

On Christmas dinner day, we invite the children to wear a Christmas jumper, dress, hat or other accessory with their school uniform to help us get into the Christmas spirit. As with last year, there is no obligation to bring a donation on the day, but for those who would like to, we will be collecting for a charity, chosen by the Young Governors. This year, the children would like any money raised to go to the NHS so donations will go to the Children's Bubbles Fund which supports children being treated within QA Hospital.

Christmas Parties

The children will be having class parties during the last week of term and invited to wear non-uniform on the following days:

- YR & Y1 —Friday 18th December
- Y2 & Y3—Thursday 17th December
- Y4 & Y6—Wednesday 16th December
- Y5—Tuesday 15th December (as this is already 'Christmas jumper day', Y5 children are invited to wear their Christmas hat/jumper/accessory on Wednesday 16th December so that they don't miss out!)

When wearing non-uniform, please ensure that cardigans/jumpers etc are named, and that children have warm layers and practical shoes suitable for playing outside. The children do not need to bring any party food into school.

Virtual Pantomime & Staff Performances

I'm delighted to say that FOWPS have purchased access to a virtual pantomime so that all classes can experience this in their classrooms during the last week of term. We will also be holding some virtual Christmas assemblies and sharing some Christmas music performances across the school. Although the staff choir have been unable to meet, the staff have made a few musical recordings to wish you all a merry Christmas. This includes some carols played on handbells by some of the teachers—these are available on the school website home page under 'Latest news'.

Festive Balloons

Many thanks to Haylie of Ballooning Brilliant who has donated some fantastic festive balloons to decorate our entrance hall—we hope to move them about during the last couple of weeks so that all the children get to see them.

Last Day of term—early finish Just a reminder that we finish between 11.45 and 12.15pm on the last day of term—Friday 18th December. We wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas!