



Christmas Newsletter 2021



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 10 days.

YR and Y3 Virtual Performances

YR performances will have all been filmed by the end of this week and we hope to have this out to parents by Monday 13th December at the latest. Y3 have had their outdoor singing performances this week, but all the class performances are being filmed on Monday 13th December. We should have this ready by the end of the term to share on Google Classroom.

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 year group**, labelled clearly with the child's name and class. These will be collected and distributed with the year group during the **final week of term**.

FOWPS Secret Santa—Friday 10th December

You will have already have received information about the FOWPS 'Secret Santa' event which is taking place on Friday—please make sure that payment for any presents is made before Friday morning if you would like your child to visit the Christmas shop. All profits from this event go to FOWPS, and we are very grateful for Mrs Spong, Mrs Hedeker, and the team of 'elves' who make this event possible! Please make sure that children bring in a named carrier bag on Friday if they are taking part, along with their present labels (YR-Y3).

Choirs—Carol Singing at Whiteley Shopping Centre—Saturday 11 December

Children in both the Y3 and the senior choir will be singing at Whiteley Shopping Centre on Saturday at 10.15am, in the walkway between Market Square and the Town Square. Fingers crossed for kind weather!

Christmas Dinner Day - Wear a Christmas Hat/Jumper/Accessory—Weds 15th 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 Mrs Gibbons' chosen charities—Wessex Cancer trust and Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

Christmas Parties

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

- **Y4 & Y6 —Wednesday 15th December** (as this is already 'Christmas jumper day', Y4 & Y6 children are invited to wear their Christmas hat/jumper/accessory on Friday 17th December so that they don't miss out!)
- **Y1/2/3/5 —Thursday 16th December**
- **YR—Friday 17th December**

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.

Last Day of term—early finish

Please can I remind you that we have an early finish on the last day of term—Friday 17th December. Timings and collection arrangements will be the same as last Friday (YR—11.55-12.05; Y1—11.55-12noon; Y2-Y6—12.05pm.)