



30 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Christmas 2020**

We are pleased to share with you the plans to celebrate this year's winter festivities. We recognise that this year won't be quite the same as previously. After careful consideration and in line with government guidance we are delighted to still be able to provide a variety of Christmassy activities while keeping everybody safe. Sadly, there are a number of events that we cannot run and we too share your disappointment. However, we are determined to ensure the children get to experience as many of our traditions and festivities as possible, ending what has been a challenging year on a positive.

## **Christmas Cards**

We are mindful of the risk sending and receiving Christmas cards pose. However, after some careful planning we are delighted to share with you that we have thought about how this can be done safely reducing the risk as much as possible. From Monday 7 December – Friday 11 December children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. These can be posted in the correct year group post boxes which will be situated outside the front of the school. Please make sure all cards are clearly labelled with the recipient's name and class. All cards will then be quarantined for 72 hours before being handed out on Friday 18 December. Please note after Friday 11 we will not be able to accept any more cards.

## **Gifts**

Some of our families like to bring in a gift for their child's class teacher. We truly are grateful for these but please know there is no expectation to do so. If you do wish to, we ask that these are not given directly to the teachers and that they are dropped into the School office - clearly labelled. We can then quarantine these for 72 hours before safely passing to the teachers.

We are also asking that should your child want to exchange presents with their friends that they do away from school, in their own time. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

## **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11 December**

We will once again be celebrating Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children. On Friday 11 December children are invited to come to school wearing either a Christmas jumper or accessories. Please note school uniform is still expected to be worn. There is no expectation that your child MUST wear a jumper as we are mindful of the financial burden this can cause so close to Christmas. We just want them to feel festive if they please and support a good cause so a Christmas hat or accessories or simply pop on some tinsel is absolutely fine.

There is a suggested donation of £2 from the Save the Children's Charity and as a school we are committed to supporting our local charities and ensuring pupils understand the purpose of fundraising. Yet there is certainly no pressure to do so. We would

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be grateful of any donations at all and all funds will go directly to the charity. A large collection tub will be available at the front of the school for all donations on the morning of the 11 December.

### Christmas Party and Chartwell Christmas Lunch - Friday 18 December



Our Christmas party morning will be on Friday 18 December. All children are invited to come into school dressed in their party clothes. The morning will be packed with festive fun and entertainment for all to enjoy!

Chartwells will be providing their Christmas Packed Lunch on this day. This is available for you to order via their meal ordering website [www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk). If your child is not having the Chartwell's lunch on this day, then you are welcome to send them in with a party lunch. Please note this will need to come into school in a disposable bag.

### End of Term Arrangements- Friday 18 December

As always, on the last day of term there is the option for you to collect your child early should you wish. We have extended the end time to ensure families can move safely around the school site adhering to social distancing. Early pick up on this day will be between 1.15pm-1.30pm. School will not be closed and families are under no pressure to take their children early. Those families who wish to, may collect their children at the usual time of 2.50pm – 3.15pm. If your child is remaining in school then please note that this means they will be in an additional bubble. Please note, that there is no After School Child Care Service on this day.

If you wish to collect your child early, please log in to your Parent Pay account and select the option 'Early Collection'. This is for Health and Safety reasons so that we are aware who will be in school for the afternoon. Please complete this by Friday 11 December 2020.

As always if you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Wood'.

Rebecca Wood

Head of School