



30 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas 2021

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 of the current restrictions and advice from BCP and PHE, we are delighted to still be able to provide a variety of Christmassy activities whilst keeping everybody safe. Sadly, there are a number of events that we cannot run as we had hoped 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 this year on a positive.

Christmas Cards

From Monday 06 December – Tuesday 14 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 stored before being handed out on Friday 17 December. Please note after Tuesday 14 December 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, these can be given directly to the class teacher or brought into the school office.

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

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10 December

We will once again be celebrating Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children. On Friday 10 December children are invited to come to school wearing either a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory. 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 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 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 10 December.

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Christmas Party and Chartwell Christmas Lunch - Friday 17 December

Our Christmas party morning will be on Friday 17 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 Lunch on this day. This is available for you to order via their meal ordering website 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.



End of Term Arrangements - Friday 17 December

As always, on the last day of term there is the option for you to collect your child early should you wish. Early pick up on this day will be between 1.30pm - 1.45pm. 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 3pm – 3.15pm. Please note, that there is no After School Child Care Service on this day.

Please complete the form via <https://forms.office.com/r/h8qSJRD5Cm> and select the time you will be collecting your child. This is for Health and Safety reasons so that we are aware who will be in school for the afternoon. Please complete this by Wednesday 15 December 2021.

A Little Taste of Christmas

We have had to sadly hold off on our Little Taste of Christmas event over at St John's church this year. This is a truly special event that we will miss dearly and one that brings us together as a community. We are currently looking at how our fantastic Year 3 and 4 choir who ordinarily perform for us on this evening, can perform virtually for us in school.

PTA Events

A massive thank you to our fantastic PTA on all of their up and coming festive activities including; The Elf on the shelf Olympics, Letters to Santa and our excellent Christmas Raffle. We hope that many of our families will join in and support our fabulous PTA in raising funds for our school and in spreading Christmas joy.

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'.

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Head of School