

27th November 2020

Arrangements for Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to outline our plans for Christmas and as you will already be aware things will need to be different this year, but we have tried our best to plan in some time to give all the children a little bit of fun and a Christmassy feeling at school. We have spent time talking to the PTFA to see if they can help us and, as usual, they have come up trumps with some ideas for us to work with. So please see below the information and dates of what we will try to achieve.



Wednesday 16th December

Pop up Christmas Fair Cost £5.00 per pupil

This is an event organised by our amazing PTFA. Please see the separate letter with more information about how this will work and how to make payment which will be coming out on Monday.



Thursday 17th December

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Day

Children can come to school dressed in their favourite Christmas jumper, enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner followed by some fun party games with prizes. The cost of a school dinner is **£2.25**. All children requiring a Christmas dinner must request this in advance and the **deadline is Friday 4th December**.



- For children in **Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2** they are part of the universal free school meals and will be exempt from payment but parents and carers must still use Parent Pay to request a meal
- Children in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are entitled to a free school meal** will be exempt from payment but parents and carers must still request a school dinner and using Parent Pay
- Children in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are not entitled to a free school meal** must request a school dinner and make payment in advance using Parent Pay.

Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to send in cards but these must be restricted to those within their year group bubbles and not for other children across the school. Cards will be kept in quarantine for a suitable period of time, and then sorted and sent home on the last day of term. In order to maintain safety there will be a deadline of **Monday 14th December** for any cards to be sent into school. Please do not send in any cards after this date, as we will not be able to pass them on.

Reverse Advent Calendar

There have been many occasions recently where the Canterbury Foodbank have stepped in to support some of our families in our school community and we are extremely grateful for the help we receive from them, so we would very much like to support the Canterbury Foodbank again this year.

A Reverse Advent Calendar means that you put something in rather than take something out and this is a great way for us to collect your donations e.g. tinned food, cereal, chocolate, toiletries and cleaning products. You simply choose a date between Tuesday 1st December and Tuesday 14th December to send in your item/s.



EYS & KS1 Christingle with Rev Sue

Rev Sue will be joining the children in Early Years and KS1 via Zoom for our special Christingle service this year. It will be so wonderful for the children to be able to see our lovely Rev Sue and great for her to be able to part of this special time of year with us. We have all missed seeing Rev Sue in worship this year, and will look forward to this virtual event. The PTFA have agreed to fund this again and we are extremely grateful, THANK YOU PTFA!

KS2 Prayer Days

We would normally hold our prayer days in St Marys Church and this year Mrs Evans has organised for them to take place in classes. There will be a range of activities that will give the children time to reflect, time to share ideas and feelings and a time to be calm and peaceful. Life is very busy, and we often don't allow ourselves the time and space we need; the children always take a great deal from these special prayer days so we are pleased to be able to offer them again this year, even if we cannot use the church.



I hope everyone enjoys these events and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Collins

Head of School