



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020



*While things might be a little different this year, we still want to make Christmas as special as possible in school.*

*Each class is working on a small performance which we will share with you digitally. Children are making cards and other Christmassy crafts.*

### **Christmas parties**

*Class Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 17th December. Children can come to school in their party clothes or a Christmas jumper and a range of activities and party games will be planned by the teaching teams. So that the party can include some edible treats, we are asking for a donation of 50p per child which we will use to buy individually wrapped party food. Please send in this money with your child by Friday 11th December.*

### **Christmas cards**

*We know that many children like to give Christmas cards to their friends at this time of year. Whilst we won't be able to carry out our normal post-box delivery service, we have created a plan which means that we can 'quarantine' cards before distributing them.*

*If your child wants to bring Christmas cards for their friends, they can do so on the following dates;*

*Monday 30th November*

*Monday 7th December*

*Monday 14th December*

*The cards will be placed in an in-tray in the classroom where they will remain for 72 hours. They will then be handed out by staff.*

*As always, we ask that the envelopes have the following information on them;*

- *First name and surname – some children have the same first name*
- *Name of class teacher or year group*

*This will help us to make sure that the cards get to the correct person.*

### **Christmas Dinner day**

*Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer a Christmas dinner to every child in school as we would normally do. For those children in school who have a hot dinner, the Christmas meal will be served on Wednesday 16th December. We will be making the atmosphere in the classrooms a little different on this day and trying to make our Christmas meal time special and you might want to send your child a treat in their lunchbox.*



*Last day of school – Friday 18th December*

*As is the tradition on the last day of school before Christmas, we will have an optional early closing time. If you would like to collect your child early, we will still be staggering the end times for the day.*

*The timings for each class are as follows;*



	<i>Early end time</i>	<i>Normal end time</i>
<i>F1 – Little Herons</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>3:15</i>
<i>F2 – Mrs Ilett and Miss Green</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>3:15</i>
<i>F2 – Mrs Heathcote and Mr Steele</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>3:15</i>
<i>Y1/2 – Mrs Harris</i>	<i>2:10</i>	<i>3:25</i>
<i>Y1/2 – Miss May</i>	<i>2:10</i>	<i>3:25</i>
<i>Y3 – Mrs Taylor</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>3:15</i>
<i>Y3/4 – Mr Burton</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>3:15</i>
<i>Nest</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>3:15</i>
<i>Y4 – Mrs King and Mr Raven</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>3:15</i>
<i>Y5 – Mrs Ross and Mrs Steel</i>	<i>2:10</i>	<i>3:25</i>
<i>Y5 – Mr Emsley</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>3:15</i>
<i>Y6 – Mr Eggleston</i>	<i>2:10</i>	<i>3:25</i>

*If your child has permission to walk home by themselves, you must complete the attached form if you wish for them to leave at the early finish time.*

*This Friday (27th November), each class will be holding a small party to celebrate for any children who have had a birthday since September. We know that the covid restrictions that we have been under have meant that normal birthday parties will not have been possible, so we hope that this small gesture will go some way to making up for any disappointment.*

*Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to Mrs Julie Molde who is stepping down from the role of Chair of Governors from the end of this month. She has dedicated much of her spare time to this role over the past few years and has been a huge support to myself (and Mrs Laplanche before me) and to the rest of the staff team. We are hoping to recruit someone new in to this role very soon.*

*Sending my best wishes to you all,*

*Mrs Essex*

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*Name of child* \_\_\_\_\_

*Class teacher* \_\_\_\_\_

*My child has permission to walk home by themselves.*

*I give them permission to leave school at the earlier time of 2pm or 2:10pm on Friday 18th December to walk home by themselves.*

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_

