



Term: Autumn - **Issue Number:** 13 - **Date:** 10th December 2020

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WALLIS

A huge THANK YOU to the PTA for their generosity, especially over the past couple of weeks. Earlier this week, Santa made a surprise visit to each class (socially distanced, of course!) with a treat for all of the children – he'd been provided with these special gifts from our PTA. In addition, the PTA provided a cracker to accompany Christmas Dinner this week and next week, they have funded a virtual Pantomime that will be viewed by all children. It's great that the children have been able to enjoy these treats, despite the restrictions we are currently facing and we are very grateful to the PTA for their support.

Thank you to those who have supported Save The Children today by donating some money for Christmas Jumper Day – we will let you know the total raised once the final donations have been received.

Some of you have been asking when you will be able to see this year's Christmas productions – you will be sent a link to watch the performance from the key stage or year group your child is in next week. I have already seen the KS2 production – you're in for a treat!

Finally, you may have read headlines about schools being given the option to close early for Christmas with an 'extra' INSET day. In fact, any INSET taken on the last day of term would need to be 'repaid' from a previously allocated day later in the year. Due to the short notice we were given, we do not feel it would be fair to expect families to make the necessary childcare arrangements, so have decided to continue to the 18th as planned.

I hope you enjoy our occasional day's holiday tomorrow and look forward to seeing all children back in school next week.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th December – School Closed – Occasional Day

18th December – End of term - staggered collection times; please see below (follow the usual system please – come to the main gate and follow the one-way system to leave the site)

| Time | Year Group | Year Group |
|--------|------------|------------|
| 1:10pm | EYFS | Y3 |
| 1:15pm | Y1 | Y6 |
| 1:20pm | | Y5 |
| 1:25pm | Y2 | Y4 |

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As you are aware, there has been a Christmas Post Box at both main gates for children to post their cards;

The last day for posting this year will be Monday 14th December.



CLASSROOMS TO CAREHOMES

Next week we will be working alongside the Times Educational Supplement to support an initiative that encourages schools to get their pupils to write letters for care home residents and staff. Lesley carter – Age UK’s Clinical Lead says “Older people have really missed the visits from young people. And I think it would be lovely if people could share cards and letters.”

NEW RECEPTION – SEPTEMBER 2021

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who will be starting school in September, we were hoping to hold some Covid-safe open sessions after school.

However, due to the current country-wide restrictions, these have had to be postponed for the time being.

The video recording for prospective families has now been completed and is available to view on our website.



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08/01/21 - 4 - 6pm

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