

Christmas Update 2020



Dear Parent/ Carer,

Christmas is undoubtedly going to look different this year. But in school, we want to try and make it as magical and fun for the children as we can. This update tells you about some of our plans for the remaining weeks of term. There is much speculation about when term will end in December, but until we are guided by official advice, we will be aiming towards our planned finish on the 22nd December. Should that change, we will do our best to move things around to try and make sure our children don't miss out.

Festive Fridays!

Fridays are going to be extra fun! We've planned a number of events for children that they can do within their class bubble. You can see them on the calendar below. To add to the festive frolics, children can come into school on Festive Fridays wearing Christmas accessories. Continue to wear your uniform but add on Santa hats, tinsel, headbands and glitter – whatever you've got! Save your Christmas jumper though for our official Christmas Jumper Day!

Christmas Cards

Each class will have their own Christmas Post Box. If children want to give Christmas cards to their friends, they can put their cards (remember the name and class on the envelope) in the Post Box during the week. School will collect these in on Friday and they will be 'posted' around the school on the next Monday for children to take home.

Christmas Gifts

As a school we are conscious that Christmas can be a tight time financially and even more so this year. Our staff love working with your children throughout the year; working in a school with kids brings many rewards and benefits on its own. We know that some parents and children like to give a gift at Christmas to the adults who help look after them in school. This is really generous and always appreciated, but please, don't feel under any pressure to do so, particularly this year. Seeing your children happy, settled and enjoying taking part in the Christmas fun is a gift in its own right.

Nursery/ P1 enrolment (not strictly Christmas!)

As well as running Christmas events this month, staff in school will be working hard to promote the school to potential new Nursery and P1 parents as their enrolment process opens up at the start of January. We've got a wonderful, nurturing school here, full of fantastic learning opportunities for children, so please encourage your friends and families to consider West Winds Primary and Nursery when they are thinking about schools for their little ones next September.

You, and they can find lots of information on our new pupils page on the website which will go live on the 10th December.

www.westwindsprimary.co.uk/new-pupils

As always, please feel free to contact me in school with any comments or queries.

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Christmas Calendar

<i>Mon 30th November</i> Record Audio Tracks for Christmas Nativity
<i>Tue 1st December</i> Filming 'Why West Winds?' promo video
<i>Thu 3rd December</i> Filming for our Christmas Nativity
<i>Fri 4th December</i> Festive Friday 1 - Christmas Cookie Day Decorate/ bake/ eat a Christmas cookie in school! Watch Christmas Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk – streamed live into your classroom! (Please send in a donation of £2.00 per child)
<i>Fri 11th December</i> Festive Friday 2 - Christmas Dinner Day Kids Christmas Dinner from the school kitchen (£2.60). Have a Bubble Christmas Dinner in your classroom with your friends and adults. Christmas Crafts in the classroom 3.00pm Our own Christmas Nativity Film goes live online – <i>we'll send you instructions on how to watch</i>
<i>Mon 14th December</i> Watch our school Christmas nativity video together as a class
<i>Fri 18th December</i> Festive Friday 3 - Christmas Jumper Day Wear your Christmas jumper – bring £1 for School Fund Christmas Fun and Games in your class
<i>Mon 21st December</i> Knock and Drop 'Special Visitor' – there will be a knock at the door, and someone special will drop something off for you... Ho Ho Ho.
<i>Tue 22nd December</i> End of Term – School finishes for all at 12.00pm

Obviously, if we do get confirmation of any changes in school dates, we'll try and make changes and let you know.