

Christmas



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is fast approaching and as usual we have a busy and exciting time in school despite Covid-19 restrictions that mean we have to do things slightly differently to keep everybody as safe as possible.

Decoration Day

The School's Christmas Decoration Day will be held on Monday 7th December. Children (and staff) can wear fancy dress/own clothes but please make sure it is practical for the weather and that nursery children will not be hindered when going to the toilet. We will spend the day making and putting up decorations.

Winter Fund Raising Day- Santa Dash

We will not be holding a Christmas Fair this year as we would be breaking guidance on mass gatherings. However, on **Friday 11th December** we will be having a fundraising day in school. We are asking children to wear a Christmas jumper, Christmas colours or Christmas Fancy dress for a donation of £1. There will be a raffle- more details to follow. We will be taking part in the National School Games Santa Dash; Pupils will either run, walk, dash or jog a mile.

Santa Selfie Competition

To add a bit of extra festive fun; we will be running a Santa Selfie Competition. Please take a photo of Santa in an unusual place, at a place of interest or maybe taking part in an unusual activity. Send your fun photos to parents@gorsehillprimary.co.uk. Don't forget to put your child's name and their class.

Christmas Dinner

In order to maintain bubbles in the hall, Christmas dinner will be split over two days. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be on **Tuesday 8th December** and children in KS2 (Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14), will be on **Wednesday 9th December**. Children who normally bring a packed lunch but wish to have a Christmas dinner may order one through the school office at a cost of £2.30. Look out for the Christmas Dinner Menu being sent out to you. Please note that Dinner children will be provided with a school packed lunch and not have a hot dinner option on the day they are not having Christmas dinner.

Christmas Performances

Again we are unable to invite visitors into school to watch Christmas performances due to Covid-19 restrictions. This is what we propose to do:

Children in the nursery are going to learn some Christmas songs that they will perform. Staff will record their performance and send to parents. If possible, we will live stream it on Wednesday 9th December at 9.45am. Mrs Johnson will send a link out for Zoom so you can watch from the comfort of your own home.

Reception will perform a nativity. Again this will be recorded and published on the class blog for you to watch and we will live stream it on Thursday 10th December at 9.45am.

Classes in Year 1 up to Y6 will each take one of the 12 days of Christmas. They will record what they do for their day and this will be part of a whole school compilation video based on the song, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. This will be published for parents and families to watch. I look forward to seeing how creative each class is in the portrayal of their day! We will not be able to live stream this as bubbles would have to mix!

For any of the performances, please make sure that your media consent permissions are up to date. If you have withdrawn consent for your child to be videoed, they will not be featured in the recording that we publish on the blog.

Please look out for further information regarding any costume requests.

Christmas Parties

The children will have their Christmas party on **Tuesday 15th December**. Children should wear their party clothes, but please make sure they are weather appropriate. In the morning, the children will watch a virtual Christmas Pantomime (Cinderella). They will then play party games and have party food. All of this will happen in their bubble. We ask for a contribution of £1 per child towards the cost of party food and prizes. School will pay the cost of the pantomime.

Extraffordganza Performance

On Thursday 10th December 1.30-2.30pm, the children in Y3 and Y4 will take part in Trafford's Music Service Performance 'Extraffordganza'. Children will learn some songs beforehand so they are able to join in with the virtual performance. School has agreed to cover the cost of this event.

Christmas Holiday

We finish for the Christmas holiday on **Thursday 17th December at 1.45pm**. School re-opens on Monday 4th January 2021. Please make sure that you continue to report any positive covid-19 test results via class dojo during the festive period. Let's hope that 2021 is more normal.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Bates

