



St George's

C of E Primary School & Nursery

'Everyone Matters, Everyone Achieves'

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Dear Parents,

This letter is full of information for you regarding Christmas 2020 here in school. We all know things will need to be different this year but we will try to make it as special for the children as we can.

Christmas Cards- from 30th November

Children are very welcome to bring in Christmas cards from Monday 30th November but only for staff and children in their year group bubble.

Reverse Advent Calendar- from 1st December until 16th December

We have been asked by numerous parents how they can help the local community in the lead up to Christmas. We will be having a reverse Advent calendar in school again this year where anyone from our school community can leave donation each day. The idea is the children see Advent is a time for sharing and thinking of others. It is called a reverse Advent calendar because people are giving something to the calendar each day rather than taking something out.

Items brought into school for the reverse Advent calendar will be donated to Maninplace (homeless charity) and The Lion's Club Christmas hamper appeal (hampers are given to local families in need).

If you would like your child to donate an item to this, they can bring it in any day from Tuesday 1st December to Wednesday 16th December. Any food or toiletry items would be great- it is very similar to when we do our Harvest Festival.

Mufti Day- Friday 4th December

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on Friday 4th December to help towards our Christmas Raffle (more details about the raffle below). If you feel your family is in a financial position to do so, please send in any raffle prize donations on the 4th such as bottles of wine, gift sets, chocolates, tins of biscuits, etc. Alternatively, your child can donate £1 if that is easier. Everything brought in on the day will be used to make our Christmas raffle spectacular!

Christmas Activities

We have bought lots of lovely resources for every child to take part in a wide range of Christmas creative activities in the last couple of weeks of term. Each child will bring home a bag of goodies they have made.

A Visit from Father Christmas- Monday 14th December

We have received very important news that Father Christmas will be visiting us on Monday 14th December with his



sleigh. Unfortunately, he won't be able to meet all the children individually this year, but he has said he'd love to come and drive his sleigh around the school playground for all of the children to see and drop off some presents.

Children in nursery, reception, and Years 1 and 2 who would like to receive a present on the day can do so at a cost of £1.50 this year (pay via Parent Pay please). The deadline for paying is Friday 11th December.

Christmas Party Lunch and Class Parties- Wednesday 16th December

We have already sent out a paper copy of the Christmas Party Lunch booking letter. Orders MUST be in school by Monday 7th December. Any orders received after this date will not be accepted due to the kitchen having to order their stock well in advance. Children who normally receive free school meals will still need to bring their order form back. Any children not wanting a school party food box will need to bring their own packed lunch in that day.

Children can wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes for the day (no donation) and each class will hold a little Christmas party in their own classrooms in the afternoon.

Christmas Raffle

We will be holding our annual Christmas raffle and have already got some great prizes lined up including a Christmas tree and a huge hamper of lovely Christmas food and drink items donated by staff. We will share photos of prizes via the school Facebook and website nearer to the raffle draw on Wednesday 16th December.

We are unable to sell the tickets on the playground as we usually do so you can send money in to buy tickets any day from Monday 7th December up until the morning of Wednesday 16th December. Raffle ticket money MUST be put in a named and labelled envelope please. Tickets are £1 a strip.

Christmas Panto- 17th December

We have booked our annual panto for the children again. It will be performed virtually and the children will watch it on their screens in their own classrooms. There is no cost to parents this year as we have been able to fund the panto from the fundraising we did last month with our mufti day and mini raffle.

St George's Virtual Christmas fair

Please support our first ever virtual Christmas Fair by liking the Facebook page and sharing it with friends and family. We already have lots of fabulous traders who are selling a wide range of great Christmas gifts. This not only raises money for school but is also a great way of supporting our local community and small businesses. You can join the fair on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/368960304363519/>.

We are genuinely aware that many families are finding things difficult at the moment so want to make it really clear that any of the above are optional. If you feel you are unable to donate items this year, that is totally fine.

Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sally Sixsmith
Head Teacher