

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the start of the festive season I wanted to write to you about the planned festivities which will be taking place at Bunbury School. All activities have been planned to be covid safe and I am pleased to say that despite the numerous restrictions and guidelines we are working with, Christmas is not cancelled at Bunbury school!



As I am sure you will be aware Christmas will be a little different than usual for all of us. Although, we cannot follow our usual routines we are at Bunbury intent on making it as 'normal' as possible for our children in the following ways:



Christmas cards

We will be allowing the children to send Christmas cards to each other this year and our post box will be outside the front of school from **Monday 30th November**.

We are asking that any cards are posted in the post box on a Monday only - **30th November, 7th December and 14th December**.

Cards will then be kept in school and handed out on a Friday only - **4th December, 11th December and 18th December**.

Festive jumper day – 1st December

This will be taking place on Tuesday 1st December. We are asking children to come in their festive jumpers/ own clothes for the day to help raise money for 'Save the Children'. Rather than asking for a £1 donation from each child we will be placing our donation buckets at the KS1 and KS2 entrances just as we did for Children in Need. Please feel free to donate whatever you can during these difficult times.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 10th December – The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All.

On Thursday 10th December – EYFS/KS1 will be performing their nativity live via zoom. Each class within the infant department will be telling part of the Christmas story through action, dance, songs and words. Invitations for the Zoom call will be sent out nearer the time. We ask as always that these invitations are not shared with the wider general public and only shared with close relatives e.g. grandparents and that the call is not recorded.

Festive Friday - Sponsored Reindeer Run and Woodland walk to Father Christmas – 11th December.

The reindeer run and woodland walk will be taking place at school on Friday 11th December. Children will be allowed to come dressed once again in their festive clothes or even as a reindeer if they wish! We will be raising money through the sponsorship for our outdoor Forest school area and classroom. Please feel free to sponsor/donate whatever you can during these difficult times. Those without sponsorship will not be exempt from the activity. During the day, they will complete a sponsored run in their class bubbles around our running path before walking through our illuminated school woodland to visit an outdoor grotto. All children will be given a set of reindeer antlers for the run and after meeting Father Christmas they will receive a wrapped gift before returning to their classroom. All activities will take place in their class bubbles and the visit to Father Christmas will be conducted in a covid safe way. A huge thanks, needs to be said to our 'school PTA elves' who have sourced 170 antlers and wrapped 170 presents.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 11th December

This year we will be having our festive Christmas lunch within our classroom bubbles and we have adapted our usual menu to reflect our current lunchtime organization. Any children who bring their own packed lunch but wish to have a festive lunch this year will need to complete the form on school spider by **Thursday 3rd December**.



KS2 Carol Concert – Wednesday 16th December

On Wednesday 16th December – KS2 will be performing their Carol Concert live via zoom. Each class within the junior department will be telling part of the Christmas story through action, dance, songs and words. Invitations for the Zoom call will be sent out nearer the time. We ask as always that these invitations are not shared with the wider general public and only shared with close relatives e.g. grandparents and that the call is not recorded.

Virtual Whole School Panto – Sleeping Beauty – Thursday 17th December

We are unable to partake in our usual whole school Christmas visit to the theatre, so this year the theatre is coming to us. On the afternoon of Thursday 17th December we will be streaming Sleeping Beauty across the whole school to each bubble performed by Panto Hall Bolton.

Bubble Christmas Parties – Friday 18th December

Finally, on Friday 18th December we will be having a 'Bubble Christmas Party' in each of the classrooms. There will be festive games, music and fun for all the children before we say goodbye to them for 2 weeks over Christmas. Children will once again be allowed to come dressed in their festive clothes/own clothes for the parties. Please remember though that they will be still going outside so no sandals/ heels etc and a warm coat is needed.

Whilst, we are unable to do things as we normally would, I hope you will agree that we are intending on making this time of year as magical as it can be for all the children in Bunbury school.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Best wishes



N M Badger
Principal