Christmas Card Project

Following on from last week's letter, the school Christmas Card project takes a design that your child creates and turns it into professional Christmas cards, gift wrap and gift tags that you then have the option to purchase - if you wish. A donation for each item purchased is then made back to the school.

The design needs to be created on a sheet of A4 card, **which will be sent home on Monday 30th September**. You will need to complete your child's name on the back of the card. **Do not** fold the card – use the whole piece for the design, although leave a 2-3mm border around the edge.

The design can be anything that your child decides, such as collage, paint or crayon. The brighter the better! As per the last letter, if your child doesn't fancy making a Christmas card, then this year they have the option to make a card of their choice - perhaps a birthday card which they can then send to their friends throughout the year, 'thank you' cards or party invitations are other suggestions.

This year, it is opened up to anyone who would like to complete a design - teachers, parents, siblings. Alternatively, siblings could create a joint design if preferred. Spare card is available from Reception.

Please note, that **glitter should not be used**. Cards **will not** be able to be created if glitter is used.

There are great ideas on Pinterest, or even just Google - 'Handmade Christmas cards', also see below.

The design must be completed and returned to school by **Friday 11th October.** Any late designs will unfortunately not be accepted.

The designs will be scanned before being returned back to you. Once returned, you will be able to log onto the Art Projects website to view the cards/paper/tags and make an order.

The finished items will be delivered to school w/c 15th November. Further information and reminders will be sent over the next few weeks. Below you will see some hints and tips regarding the design materials and some design ideas.

What works well	What should be avoided
Use the whole piece of card provided in a landscape orientation. If you prefer portrait, then indicate this with an arrow on the back of the card.	The 2-3mm around **the edge of the design** may be lost due to the scanning process, so don't write up to the edge of the card.
Pastel or charcoal drawings should be sprayed with hairspray to prevent smudging.	**Pearlised paint, Reflective materials** – the reflective finish doesn't work well during the scanning process.
Collage designs (max depth 5mm).	**Glitter** – any design with glitter will not be scanned, therefore no card created.
Use **bold colours**.	**Black backgrounds** do not reproduce particularly well.
	Fluorescent/highlighter pens do not reproduce well.
	Pictures from **books, magazines, internet or school photographs** cannot be reproduced.

If you have any questions then please speak to your FOE Class Rep or find me on the playground each morning.

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Merry Christmas