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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,



Christmas is just around the corner and there is a festive feel in the air. Here in school, there are lots of exciting activities planned for the children.



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Children are invited to come into school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December in their Christmas jumpers.



### **Christmas Panto**

Also on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, our children have all been cordially invited to the Ball! They will be watching the online production of Cinderella by Mercury Theatre. The show promises glitter, glamour and plenty of tinsel. Many thanks to our Friends of Excalibur team who have kindly paid for this experience.



### **Rudolph Run**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, we will be participating in the Rudolph Run, raising money for St. Luke's Hospice. The children will be spending time during the day running or walking laps of the field.

Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed. Donations can be made directly to St. Luke's by accessing the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/excalibur-primary-school-rudolph-run-2020?newPage=True>.



### **Christmas Celebrations**

As we are unable to hold our usual Christmas nativities and concerts, our children are doing things virtually...

In key stage 1, our younger children will be creating their own nativity with narration, singing and dancing. All scenes will be filmed in individual classes and put together into an infant Christmas extravaganza video.

In key stage 2, our older children will be producing a virtual Christmas video. This will include a retelling of the nativity story, as well as musical performances from across key stage 2. As we are planning to do filming for the key stage 2 video from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, could you please ensure that your key stage 2 child has a Christmas jumper in school from next week.

The videos for both key stage performances will be made available via a password-protected area of the website from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Details for this will be sent out via ParentMail.



### **Christmas Dinner**

A reminder that Christmas dinner for the children will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't done so already, you can place your order on ParentMail.

### **Christmas Parties**

This year, our Christmas parties will take place in class bubbles during the afternoon of the dates listed below. On their party day, children can come to school in their own clothes. Please remember that our classrooms are a little colder than they usually are and children will still be going outside.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Reception Class**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 1, Year 2**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6**

### **Non-uniform day for FOE hampers**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, your child can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for donating an item for the FOE Christmas raffle hampers. Any items brought into school should be left in the boxes provided at the top of the drive – next to the pedestrian gate. Please do not send items into school with your child.

Raffle tickets can be purchased through ParentMail and will be available until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – good luck and don't forget to get your raffle tickets!

### **Christmas Cards**

A reminder that, given the current situation, the sharing of Christmas cards this year will be a little different. We know how important the giving and receiving of cards is to the children. This year, we would ask you to limit the distribution of cards to your children in your child's year group.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to arrange to speak to a member of the team.



**Mrs Jones**  
**Head Teacher**