



*Where Children Come First*

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Dear Parents/Carers,



It is with regret that I inform you, I have had to make the difficult decision to cancel parents coming inside the school building to watch the following Christmas productions live:

- 10th December - Early Years A Little Bird Told Me.
- 13th, 14th & 15th December - Key Stage One The Magical Christmas Jigsaw
- 7th December – Key Stage Two Christmas Concert

As a school, we have taken this decision based on Oxfordshire County Council Guidance who stress the importance of updating our current COVID Risk Assessment to ensure we proceed with 'immense caution' to the end of term, eliminating any potential risks to staff and our families which may increase the spread of the virus and lead to partial or full school closure of our school.

Although numbers attending the performances has been reduced, this still does not allow us to provide for safe distancing and adequate ventilation within our school hall.

**'Do what you can to protect your Christmas from Covid'** is the most up to date message from public health officials and Oxfordshire County Council. Recent days have seen vast fluctuations in rates, with over 600 cases reported in the Banbury area. We are being encouraged to take precautions to reach the Christmas period free of Covid - alongside abiding by new government restrictions in response to the Omicron variant.

### **So how do we get to celebrate all the hard work that has gone into the Christmas productions and share in the festive fun?**

Each of the Christmas productions will be professionally filmed by our very own Mr Duffy who will capture the unforgettable moments and share them with you to enjoy in the comfort of your homes. A filmed version to treasure and share with family and friends time and time again.

I know you will understand this decision has not been made lightly and it brings with it disappointment to families, staff and children, however it's a question of us all managing things to the best of our ability, given the current circumstances. That way, we can look forward to a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year with our families.

Remember - Hands, face, space and stay safe.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during these difficult times,



Please find below details of how we intend to celebrate Christmas this year. **It is all in keeping with latest covid guidelines and associated risk assessments.**

Event:	Details:	Voluntary costs:
<b>Santa Fun Run</b>	We will be taking part in Katharine House Hospice Santa Fun Run on <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> . Come to school dressed in your Christmas themed running outfit and wear it all day.	£2 for Katherine House Hospice. Please send money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.
<b>Christingle at Bodicote Church</b>	Rev Sarah has asked us to let you know about the Christingle on Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>December at 4pm</b> – she's inviting our school community to attend. She's so supportive of our school; I hope that some of us can attend.	
<b>Christmas Day Non-school uniform – Christmas hats a must</b>	This is happening on <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> . Children will eat their lunches in their classrooms; it is always a lovely event with Christmas music playing in the background. They will be served by Christmas elves. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, please log into ParentPay and book your Christmas dinner by 8 <sup>th</sup> December.	£2.20 for children in Years 3-6 (if not entitled to Free School Meals)
<b>Virtual Panto</b>	This is happening after lunch on <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> .	N/A
<b>Class parties</b>	Each class will be having a party with Christmas crafts and disco on Christmas Day <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> .	N/A
<b>PTFA Christmas Movie night</b>	On <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 3.15pm-5pm</b> we will be showing a Christmas film of either a U or PG certificate after school in your child's class. If you would like your child to attend, please log into ParentPay account to purchase a ticket for £1.50. Children to be collected at 5pm from your child's classroom door. Children will receive popcorn and a drink or two during the film and the PTFA will be running a tuck shop for children to purchase some treats	£1.50 tickets available to purchase on ParentPay. Children will require money to purchase from the tuck shop.
<b>Carol concerts/plays</b>	All classes have been working hard to learn Nativity words/lines, Christmas carols and songs which we will be filming and putting together into a film. All parents will be sent the link to this on the last day of term. Children will be given the opportunity to watch this in school. (Any children who we do not have consent to film will of course not be filmed.) <b>Any monies paid for tickets will be reimbursed.</b>	N/A

As you can see, we have tried to ensure that children have a super time in school in the lead up to Christmas.

Kind Regards



Ms Boswell

