

27th November 2020

EYFS - Christmas Plans

Following enquiries from parents this week, we have decided to share how F1 (Nursery) and F2 (Reception) plan to celebrate Christmas within school this year. Despite the ongoing Covid- 19 situation, all of the staff are determined to give your children the very best end of term which they thoroughly deserve..

As with all current plans and proposals, these are subject to the local situation and guidance from Hull Local Education Authority, The Constellation Trust, Public Health and the DfE.

EYFS Christmas Party

We are planning to have a Christmas banquet on **Wednesday 16th December**. On Monday 14th December, we will send home a paper plate with your child's name on. Please return it on the morning of the Christmas party, filled with a few of your child's favourite snacks. Please remember they will have had their dinner at school over lunchtime so a few party snacks will be fine. Please ensure there are no peanut products on your child's plate as we have children within the classes that have allergies. Your child may wear their Christmas party clothes/Christmas jumper on this day. During the afternoon, the children will be playing lots of Christmas party games. If your child is in F1 and doesn't usually attend on a Wednesday we would like to invite them in for the day as an extra session.

EYFS Christmas Nativity

Due to current Covid-19 guidance we are unable to have communal singing in school so unfortunately we will not be able to host our annual Christmas Nativity/show. We are of course extremely sad to have to say this as we know that it is a huge part not only of their first memories of school but also of yours. We have decided to focus the next 3 weeks on the creative aspects of Christmas instead!

EYFS Christmas Activities

Please find below a list of Christmas activities that your child will be doing along with their usual Phonics, Maths, Reading and Writing lessons; I think we may be busier than Santa's elves!

- Making Christmas cards
- Christmas colouring
- Making paper chains
- Christmas pudding collaging

- Cutting snowflakes
- Painting baubles
- Making reindeer hats
- Handprint Christmas trees
- Reindeer playdough
- Snowflake playdough
- Christmas tree playdough
- Building sleighs
- Recreating the nativity scene
- Talking about animals who live in cold places
- Building snowmen, snowflakes and Christmas trees in the loose part lab.
- Weighing presents
- Spotting letters on wreaths
- Blending letters on Christmas trees
- Reading Christmas stories
- Various Christmas cutting activities
- Decorating inside the classrooms

EYFS Christmas Fayre

Again, due to the current circumstances we are unable to invite you in to fundraise and buy your children's Christmas crafts. Instead, we will be sending the children home with a little package of their very special creations they have made. We will be making the following; Reindeer food, hot chocolate and a tree decoration.

EYFS Christmas Movie

We will be taking a vote on a Christmas movie in class to watch over the next 3 weeks and the children will be able to have hot chocolate and popcorn/marshmallows.

EYFS Christmas Clothes

We will be decorating the classroom so that the children will return on Monday to a Christmas themed learning environment. The children are politely asked to stay in school uniform until the day of the party and then from the Wednesday they may come in their Christmas clothes for the last few days.

EYFS Christmas Cards

Please only bring in cards on a Monday so that they can go in Santa's decontamination tray until Friday!



National Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11th December

To celebrate this national event we would invite the children to come to school in their Christmas jumpers. We will be asking for a 50p donation for doing so and all money raised will be donated to Dove House Hospice.

Alternative Christmas Dinner and Selection Box – Friday 18th December

As we have previously let you know, Christmas dinner will be different this year (FS2 – Year Y6). Each child will be offered a free dinner of chicken goujons and chips and a selection box. **ALL** children in school will be given a selection box. Children can come to school on this day in their Christmas jumpers too.

Hopefully, this letter will reassure families that we will do our utmost to ensure all of the children enjoy their Christmas in school with some well- deserved festive fun! The children have been excellent this term, their behaviour, determination and hard work has been outstanding and I would like to thank each of you for all of the support you have given to the school in this very uncertain time.

I would like to take this opportunity to ensure you have the Tapestry app downloaded on your phone and have activated the account. You should be able to see all communications from the EYFS team and I cannot stress enough that this is our main teaching tool if we were ever to have to close the bubble so you must be able to access this so that we can communicate with you and set work for the children. If you are unsure how to use this or have any questions please ask myself or a member of the EYFS team who will be more than happy to help you.

Regards

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