



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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*Our school values: Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*

Dear Parents

I can hardly believe that we have less than three weeks left of this term. Thoughts in school have turned towards Christmas festivities and how we can celebrate whilst ensuring we are still keeping everyone as safe as possible.

## **Christmas Cards**

We have made the decision that we are **not** going to have our Christmas post-box in school this year and are asking that the children do not bring cards into school. This is to try and minimise the amount being passed between home and school.

## **Christmas Bags**

Next week we are asking that every child brings in a carrier bag with their name on it. These will be hung on their pegs and then any Christmas craft items that they make can be popped in these (for quarantine) and brought home on the last day of term. You may wish to put the bag to one side for a few days once it arrives home before exploring its contents.

## **CFM –Mission Christmas**

We would like to support CFM with their Christmas appeal again this year. Unfortunately, due to restrictions we cannot be a drop off point for Christmas gifts but if anyone does wish to donate a gift several stores, including B&M, are collecting them. We will also hold a “Christmas Non-Uniform” day on Monday 14 December. This is a chance for children to wear anything Christmassy, from a jumper to tinsel in their hair or a Santa hat. Please do not feel you need to go out and buy a special outfit for this day – anything goes! We are asking for a £1 donation towards the appeal.

## **Christmas Parties and Dinner**

Thursday 17 Dec will be our party day and also Christmas lunch. We are planning that all children will get to eat their lunch in the hall again this year (a few bubbles at a time). A separate letter has been sent out with further details about ordering etc. Children can come in party clothes on the day and they will take part in a range of activities within their class.

## **Christmas Treat**

Obviously, a Christmas performance with an audience is out of the question this year. However, each class is busy preparing a short Christmas treat for parents which we will share with you in the last week of term via Seesaw/email. More details to follow.

## **Food Bank Collection**

Every year the staff in school run a reverse advent calendar to collect food stuff and toiletries to donate to the local foodbank. I know a number of you like to contribute to this. Therefore, next week we will have a collection box in each yard before school for any donations you wish to make. At the end of the week we will combine these with the staff collection and pass it all on to the food bank.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks

J Paisley

Headteacher