



17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some changes to our original diary dates. Unfortunately due to the continuing rise of COVID infections in the borough we have to follow public health's recommendations when arranging school events.

### **NON-UNIFORM DAYS**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Children can come into school dressed in casual but appropriate clothing in exchange for a donation of sweets or chocolate.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Children can come into school dressed in casual but appropriate clothing in exchange for an item for the tombola.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, children with siblings in school or pre-school will be taken together. Unfortunately, siblings from high school or any other educational setting will not be able to attend this year.

### **INSET DAY**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November will be a staff INSET day, school will be **CLOSED** to children.

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DAY**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December is our Christmas Decorations Day, when we all do craft activities and decorate the school ready for Christmas. Children must wear their uniform, but can, if they wish, wear a Christmas jumper instead of their red school jumper/cardigan.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December will be Christmas Dinner Day. This needs to be ordered and paid on-line in the usual way.

### **PARENTS' EVENING**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December is parents' evening for every class apart from Year 3. Appointments will need to be booked using the on-line booking system. Instructions on how to do this will be emailed out closer to the date. The booking system opens on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and closes on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, you will not be able to book appointments after this date. Year 3 parents' evening will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December; booking for year 3 will close on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. With the need to limit numbers indoors, your appointment with your class teacher will be in their classroom. You will need to wait outside the fire exit door of your child's classroom until the teachers indicates you can enter. It will be a strict one family in and one family out system. For this reason, timings will be strictly adhered to. Parents with children in the choir, can you please book an appointment for after choir so that your child can attend with you.

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## **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

The children will still be performing their Christmas nativity so will be learning new songs and some children will have lines to learn. The nativity will be filmed and you will be emailed a link and password to view this before the end of term.

## **COMMUNITY CAROLS**

You will be receiving a flyer about our community carols event. This will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, from 2pm on the KS2 playground. Please come along and support us and enjoy getting into the festive spirit!

## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. They will be having phase parties and discos throughout the morning. They may even get the chance to meet a special visitor (from a Covid-safe distance) who will have a gift for them all.

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle will go on sale from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The cost will be £1 per strip. Tickets can be purchased from the school office or from one of the PCA ladies on the playground. The raffle will be drawn at 3.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December following the community carols. We have some great prizes

- Family ticket including ride wristbands for the safari park (worth £146)
  - £50 Merry Hill shopping voucher
  - Luxury Hamper
  - Wine
  - Chocolates
- plus much more!

## **END OF TERM**

School finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please feel free to pop into the school office and speak to someone.

Best wishes

Mrs Jordan