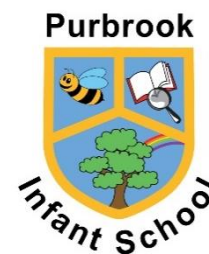


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Dear Parents/Carers

### Planned Christmas Events

Whilst we are not yet able to fully able to celebrate Christmas as we normally would, we still want to make it special for the children. We are not able to have our annual PTFA Christmas Fayre so our fundraising has been dramatically reduced this year. However, we are still trying our hardest to put on events which the children will still enjoy and have a "Christmassy Feel", whilst at the same time, raise funds for the school.

We were really hoping that we would be able to invite parents in to watch the children taking part in our annual Christmas performances. However, due to the expected numbers of parents who would wish to come, we simply cannot do this in a Covid secure way without having to ask the children to perform on numerous occasions. This would hugely impact on the amount of learning time the children would miss. The Year 2 Christingle Service historically takes place at St John's Church and the maximum number of people allowed are 100 in total and that would mean no audience!

We will therefore be inviting parents to watch an outside Christmas concert. This will be a controlled event and each family will be able to request two places. The reason for limiting the number of people at each event is that we do not want the children's voices to get "lost" and we want them to be able to see their parents and not for them to be frantically searching the crowd and for you to be able to see them. We are also trying to make it a bit more personal and not quite so daunting for the children. We are mindful that the number of positive Covid cases are increasing and that a new variant that has been identified and we want everyone to have a better Christmas this year. Please click on the Google Form link to request your places. [Christmas Performance Request](#)

Please see below a list of some of the activities we have planned:

Wednesday 1 December – Wednesday 15 December	<b>Christmas Cards:</b> There will be a Christmas stocking/post box in <b>each class</b> which children can post their Christmas cards for friends and staff <b>at school</b> . Please could parents ensure that the cards children send have the recipient's <b>full name</b> and their <b>class</b> on the envelope. Failure to address cards clearly may mean they do not get delivered!! Please do not hand in cards via the school office. Thank you.
Thursday 16 December: Post boxes are closed	<b><i>Please note, cards received after this date will not be delivered</i></b>
Thursday 09 December	<b>Christmas Lunch:</b> This year the school caterers will be providing the children with a Christmas lunch (menu to follow). To make this extra special all the children will be decorating a place mat and Christmas music will be playing to make it more festive  The children can come to school dressed in a Christmas Jumper in exchange for a contribution of £1

Friday 10, Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 December	<b>Whole school outside Christmas Concert: 2.30pm</b>
Tuesday 14 December	<b>Year 1 Christmas Party:</b> On this day the children can come to school dressed in party clothes. In return we are asking for a contribution of £3 which will go towards the cost of the food. All the children will also be bringing home a chocolate lolly for them to eat at home
Wednesday 15 December	<b>Year 2 Christmas Party:</b> On this day the children can come to school dressed in party clothes. In return we are asking for a contribution of £3 which will go towards the cost of the food. All the children will also be bringing home a chocolate lolly for them to eat at home
Thursday 16 December	<b>Year R Christmas Party:</b> On this day the children can come to school dressed in party clothes. In return we are asking for a contribution of £3 which will go towards the cost of the food. All the children will also be bringing home chocolate lolly for them to eat at home  <b>Santa Claus is coming to town:</b> On this day Santa will be coming to school to read a story to all the children. We have once again received an anonymous donation and all the children will receive a small gift from Santa
Friday 17 December	<b>Festive Mufty Day (last day of term):</b> On this day the children can come to school wearing festive clothing in exchange for a voluntary contribution of £1

More details/reminders will follow prior to each event taking place.

Yours sincerely



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