



The Christmas Edition



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are starting to look forward to a little festive cheer here at Pilgrim as we move towards the end of our Autumn Term. Even though many of our traditional events will have to be modified this year, we are still determined to give the children a wonderful Christmas experience! So below are details of our Christmas events coming up in the next couple of weeks:

The Christmas Post

Starting from next week (Monday 7th) children who would like to can start to bring in Christmas cards to post to their friends. This year, we will have a 'Christmas Bubble Post', with children only being able to post Christmas cards to friends in their bubble (year group). If children want to bring Christmas cards in, please check that they are just addressed to children in the year group as other cards cannot be delivered between bubbles. Thanks.

Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th Dec

Christmas dinner will be served next Friday with all children encouraged to wear a festive jumper on that day too. It is still a uniform day but children are able to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their usual school jumper/cardigan. Please do not go out and buy a jumper just for this occasion - you could always jazz up an old jumper with tinsel or decorations. This is an optional event, just for fun, and **we will not be making a charge for this.**

We are asking that you pre-book your child's Christmas dinner – we have sent a separate letter home with every child today with further details about this. An electronic version of the Christmas dinner letter accompanies this newsletter.

Christmas Craft stalls

Due to social distancing measures, unfortunately we cannot have our traditional Christmas Craft Fair in the hall this year but the children will still be very busy making crafts to sell. We will be selling the crafts (a bubble at time) in the playground at pick up time in the last week of term. Details of the date and time of your child's craft stall will come from the class teachers nearer the time and there will be an option to pre-order too.

Christmas Nativities and performances

The show must go on!

- The Key stage 1 Christmas performance – this year we will record the KS1 children performing their nativity, songs and dances. Parents and carers will be able to view the virtual presentation via Google Classroom. The rest of the school will also be able to watch the presentation at the end of term.
- The KS2 Carol Concert will also be in virtual format with children in each KS2 year group performing for us and giving readings to help retell the Christmas story.
- EYFS will be retelling the nativity story in the open air (fingers crossed for dry weather!). Details to follow from the EYFS team.

Christmas Parties - Fri 18th Dec

We are going to have some good old-fashioned Christmas parties to end the term! On the last day, the children can come to school wearing their MUFTI party clothes (no charge). We will provide all the treats, games, prizes and fun for the class to enjoy. Santa might even make a visit to the classes in the afternoon if he is not too busy at the North Pole

Other Newsletter Items

Current Local Restrictions - Tier 2

On Dec 2nd our country came out of a period of national Covid 19 restrictions and have now moved to local restrictions based on tiers. We are in Tier 2 and accompanying this newsletter you will find a Government information poster which summarises the local restrictions under which we must all now operate. I want to emphasise that under Tier 2 arrangements, **all previous restrictions remain in place in school for both children and parents/carers.**

I want to particularly emphasise the importance of **parents/carers wearing a suitable face covering on the school site** - we are still having parents/carers trying to come onto the playground or into the school reception area without one which we cannot accept. I thank all those parents and carers who are respecting our request to wear a mask or face covering - this is very appreciated.

Homework

Today your child will come home with a pack containing some new materials to support their homework tasks. We have invested in some Maths and English workbooks to allow children to further practise the skills they have been taught in school. Accompanying the homework pack will be a letter to explain our homework approach and what your child should be practising at home each week. I would welcome your thoughts about our homework provision and we will be sending out a survey later in the Spring Term to formally seek your feedback.

Celebration Certificates

The following children have made us all very proud and have been awarded a certificate in our assemblies since the last Newsletter:

	Star Learner Award w/c 23/11/2020	Pat on the Back w/c 30/11/2020
Cosy Cottage	Louis J	All in Cosy Cottage
Year 1	Daisy-Mae N	Georgie E / Katie W
Year 2	Jethro F-K / Mohammed B	Gracie M-C / Mehrad A
Year 3	Dylan W / Isam Ahmed	Paige J / Emma C
Year 4	Sienna J-H / Tanisha G	Caiden C / Rico R
Year 5	All of the Orcas / Eduardo G	Lily-May G / Logan B
Year 6	Jack M / Kenzie J	Paige C / Aileen L

Dates for your diary:

18/12/2020 – Last day of Term

04/01/2021 – Non pupil day

05/01/2021 – Return to School

15/02/2021 – 19/02/21 – Half Term

01/04/2021 – Non pupil day

02/04/2021 – Bank Holiday

05/04/2021 – Bank Holiday

06/04/2021 – 16/04/2021 Easter Holiday

19/04/2021 – Return to School

I will be sending a final newsletter for 2020 on Friday 18th December but until then, have a lovely weekend and see you back in school on Monday!

Mrs Lisa Meek