



Wednesday 25th November

2020 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT BRAEBURN

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the festive season, we are more determined than ever to give our children the best possible Christmas experiences. Clearly, we need to do this in the safest way possible. Therefore, as I'm sure you'll understand, there are some significant changes to what we can do. Most importantly, there will not be any opportunities for parents/carers and wider families to join us in school. This is something which really saddens us, but that we know you'll understand. As a parent myself, I know how disappointed I feel that I cannot see my daughter's Nativity, but I know I'd feel even more disappointed if she was denied the chance to take part in one. The show must go on, as they say. We feel very strongly that in school, we are still able to provide lots of magical experiences for the children.

Will the children still get to take part in Christmas Nativities/carol singing?

Yes - we will ensure that all the children take part in these types of activities. We will be unable to have adults in school to watch these, but we are currently exploring ways through which we can share these with you.

Can we send Christmas cards in for other children and staff?

Yes - please send them in with your child on Mondays starting next week. There will be a postbox for them in each classroom - they will then be put into a storage box for 72 hours before being given out on a Thursday. This is the safest way possible.

Will there still be a Christmas dinner?

Yes - the children will still be able to enjoy a Christmas dinner at school. We are working with our catering team to ensure this remains a special experience for the children. Christmas dinner will be eaten in the classrooms, which will be decorated for the occasion.

Will the children be taking part in Christmas Craft experiences?

Yes - each child will spend time with their classmates making decorations for their tree at home and the school tree. Christmas card making and other festive craft activities will also take place. Each classroom will be entered through a special 'Christmas door', which the staff team will decorate.



Will the children still have a Christmas party?

Yes - parties will take place in the last week of term. These will take place for each individual class, rather than large groups of classes together. Again, this is to reduce risk and keep the children as safe as possible. Information (dates etc) is on the next sheet and a reminder will be sent nearer the time.

Other December Festive activities

- Friday 11th - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 18th - **School closes at the earlier time of 1:30pm**

Please turn over for a guide to the different party arrangements. Please note that this year, there will be no requirement for you to contribute food and drinks. This will be provided by school in order to keep things as safe as possible.

Reminders about each of these events will be sent to you via ClassDojo nearer the time. Here's to a very merry Christmas in school!

We will also be supporting a 'Reverse advent Calendar' appeal - more information is attached to this letter. This will begin next week and will be in support of the local food banks. I know you'll be keen to support this and help to make a difference to local families in need of support over the

Best wishes

Tim Jolly
Headteacher



Christmas Performance and Party information

	Christmas Performance	Christmas Party	Other significant dates
Foundation Stage Nursery, Tigers and Lions	The children will take part in a Nativity. Costumes will be provided by school. Good quality photographs of all the children in costume will be taken individually and sent home for you.	Monday 14th December Children can come in appropriate party clothes for the day.	Christmas Dinner day - Wednesday 9th December
Key Stage 1 (Year 1/2)	The children will take part in a Christmas story, with songs and readings. Costumes will be provided by school.. Good quality photographs of all the children in costume will be taken individually and sent home for you.	Tuesday 15th December Children can come in appropriate party clothes for the day.	Christmas Dinner day - Wednesday 9th December
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3/4)	The children will be learning Christmas songs with Mr Wharfedale and a recording of them singing will be shared with you.	Thursday 17th December Children can come in appropriate party clothes for the day.	Christmas Dinner day - Friday 11th December
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5/6)	The children will be learning Christmas songs with Mr Wharfedale and a recording of them singing will be shared with you.	Wednesday 16th December Children can come in appropriate party clothes for the day.	Christmas Dinner day - Friday 11th December