








18th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, it is our aim to ensure that the time in school is as 'normal' as possible for the children so we are planning to continue with as many of our experiences and activities that we would normally provide. Unfortunately, this year though we are unable to invite parents into school to join us. The coming weeks will be busy so to make it a bit easier, I am sending the diary dates out in advance - hopefully this will help!

<p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> 	<p>The children will be <b>making decorations</b> for the Christmas tree. They will bring these home at the end of term.</p>
<p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> 	<p>We will send home an order form should you wish to buy any sweet treats and stocking fillers from our <b>Winter Enterprise</b>. The <b>deadline for orders is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> - please send in the money and order form in a named envelope. The children will then make the items, and we will quarantine them for a few days before sending your orders home.</p> <p>Each class has been given a loan and they have to think of things that they can make and sell, hopefully making a profit. This is a very valuable lesson teaching the children about the world of work, using initiative, teamwork and financial capability so please show your support. The children will, through The School Team (our School Council), then decide how to spend the profit they make.</p>
<p><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> 	<p>There will be no production this year, but during this week we will be videoing the children singing some festive songs which will go on Dojo at the end of term. <b>If your child has a Christmas jumper and / or hat please send it into school (in a named carrier bag)</b>. The children will wear them for the recording. We do have some spares in school so please don't worry if your child is not able to bring anything in. Items will return home once the recordings are complete.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> 	<p>If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school <b>Christmas dinner</b> please let Mrs Peverley know by <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>.</p> <p>If the children have <b>Christmas jumpers</b> they are welcome to wear them today.</p>
<p><b>Last week of term</b></p> 	<p>If the children have <b>Christmas jumpers</b> they are welcome to wear them all week.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>All Aboard the Polar Express! The children can <b>come to school in their PJ's</b>. The children will be given a ticket to board the Polar Express and we will be watching the movie with hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits (in our bubbles).</p> <p>This is also the <b>last day of term</b>.</p>
<p><b>Christmas Cards</b> - unfortunately we will not be able to exchange cards this year in school.</p>	

## **Governor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our School Governing Body. The role of the governing body is a strategic one with three core functions:

- setting strategic direction
- creating robust accountability
- ensuring best use of financial resources

The work of the governing body is driven by the school improvement plan. Discussions, decisions and actions for governors focus on school finance, staffing matters, use and condition of premises, pupils' wellbeing, curriculum, data and assessment, working with stakeholders, admissions and organisational changes. The full governing body must meet at least three times per academic year but we meet more frequently through committee meetings, currently this is done remotely. There is an expectation that governors will also undertake monitoring visits into school to find out more about the school throughout the year. Governors work closely with the headteacher and make decisions collectively as a team.

If you are interested or would like more information please speak to Tracey Haynes, our Chair of Governors or Mrs Cook, Headteacher **by the end of term.**