

27th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Even though it is a very different Christmas this year it is still busy in school (and at home) during these last weeks before the Christmas break. Below are details and dates of what is happening in school.

Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December – The ‘Friends of the School’ will be outside the main school gates with copies of the Christmas Quiz. Entrance is 50p and all proceeds go to the ‘Friends of the School’.

Tuesday 1st December – **The school’s Christmas post box** will be ready for the children to post Christmas cards. The post box will be emptied daily and the Christmas cards quarantined. Unfortunately, this year there will only be three ‘deliveries’ – **Friday 4th December, Friday 11th December and Friday 18th December**. However, the children may post their cards any day from the 1st December.

Tuesday 8th December – Christmas Raffle tickets and monies need to be returned.

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Quizzes need to be returned.

Wednesday 9th December – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - newvisionproductions will be in school to film our two Christmas performances.** Saplings will be performing a nativity and children in Years 1-6 a musical showpiece of the Christmas iSingPop songs which tell the Christmas story. The two videos will be on our website. Just a reminder that we would like the children to wear bright colours including Christmas tops. They may also wear their iSingPop t-shirt or hoodie from last year. On the ‘bottom half’ could they please wear a dark colour – dark blue or black jeans/trousers, dark leggings or dark skirt with dark tights. **Children should arrive in school in the outfit they are going to wear to perform in.**

Mrs Longhurst has let Saplings parents know what they should be wearing on the day for their nativity.

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Lunch in school. This is also a non-uniform day in exchange for a £1.00 donation which will go to the ‘Friends of the School’ who are working extremely hard in these difficult circumstances to raise money to buy resources for the school which enhance our provision for all the children. It is the chance for the children to wear Christmas outfits if they would like. A big thank you to the ‘Friends of the School’ for providing plastic free crackers for every child.

Friday 11th December – Christmas Quiz winners announced and Christmas Raffle drawn.

Monday 14th December pm – Willows (Y2) – Christingle Service at the church. The children will make their Christingles in the morning (please send your child in with an orange). Willows will walk to the church (the road way), take part in the Christingle Service and walk back to school in time for pick-up.



Tuesday 15th December – Children who have achieved the Orange Reading Challenge are invited to wear ORANGE today. It is a non-uniform day for these children.

Tuesday 15th December am – Saplings (YR) and Maples (Y1) – (separately) outside Christmas activities led by the church including lighting their Christingles (please send your child in with an orange so they can make their own Christingle).

Tuesday 15th December pm – Cedars (Y4) – Christingle Service at the church. The children will make their Christingles in the morning (please send your child in with an orange). Cedars will walk to the church (the road way), take part in the Christingle Service and walk back to school in time for pick-up.

Wednesday 16th December 10am – As an alternative to our traditional trip to the pantomime the whole school will be watching a **live interactive pantomime of Cinderella.**

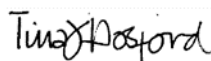
Wednesday 16th December pm – Rowans (Y3) – Christingle Service at the church. The children will make their Christingles in the morning (please send your child in with an orange). Rowans will walk to the church (the road way), take part in the Christingle Service and walk back to school in time for pick-up.

Thursday 17th December pm – Oaks (Y5) – Christingle Service at the church. The children will make their Christingles in the morning (please send your child in with an orange). Oaks will walk to the church (the road way), take part in the Christingle Service and walk back to school in time for pick-up.

Friday 18th December pm – Elders (Y6) – Christingle Service at the church. The children will make their Christingles in the morning (please send your child in with an orange). Elders will walk to the church (the road way), take part in the Christingle Service and walk back to school in time for pick-up.

In previous years you have been so generous with your donations to the Children's Society through the Christingle Donation Box. We usually send one home with every child. This year we need to keep what goes back and forth to an absolute minimum. However, I'm sure you will agree the Children's Society still require our support. We would be grateful if you would send a small donation in with your child on the day of their Christingle Service.

Yours faithfully



Mrs T J Hosford
Headteacher

The children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

