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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As once again Christmas is fast approaching, I wanted to take this opportunity to contact you regarding the planned Christmas festivities at school. I appreciate that this year is still going to be different from our usual celebrations, but know that you all understand that we need to protect your children and our staff within our school environment.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have larger family gatherings in the school building as we usually would due to our small internal spaces. However, we are still keen to keep the St. Wilfrid's tradition of providing our children with some excellent activities and experiences at Christmas time and share the joy with all of you too. We are well aware of the financial constraints on families, and despite school budget challenges due to COVID demands, we will not be asking our families for any contributions towards the activities again this year.

This year, children will be allowed to bring Christmas cards in, these can be for the children and staff in their own classroom or for their wider circle of friends throughout the school. If your child has a card for someone outside of their classroom they can post it in the Christmas Post Box in their classroom and the St Wilfrid's post officer will collect and distribute them. Could we ask for all Christmas cards to be in school by **Friday 10th December** (for those children that wish to write them), and we will then set them aside in the classroom for a few days before giving them out. Alternatively, your son/daughter may prefer to write a single card to their whole class or to the whole school and this can be read out in our special assemblies.

Here is an overview of what we have planned over the next few weeks. There will also be additional activities in each of the children's classrooms which I am sure your son/daughter will be able to share with you.

- **Christmas Shop** – to help our school fund our lovely dance teacher Anna will be opening a Christmas stall and we have booked three different slots these are as follows:- for Year 1 & 2 this will be on **Monday 29th November** from 3.15-4.00pm held outside the entrance to the library in the main playground and on the **Monday 6th December 2021** for Nursery, Reception from 3.10-4.00pm held outside the EYFS unit and for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on **Monday 13th December 2021** from 3.15-4.00pm held outside the entrance to the library in the main playground. There will be gifts, stationery, activity packs, stocking fillers all from £1.00-£10.00.
- **Christmas Competition** – we are asking our children to design and make a Christmas decoration for hanging on a tree or around the house, all entries will be donated to our local nursing home and help to spread some joy to the residents over the Christmas period. There will be a winner in each class so get creative. The competition is open from the 1st-15th December, hand your entries to your class teacher and we will put them on display and share some photographs with you.
- **Christmas Carols** - outside event for Parents & Carers with mince pies and mulled wine– each Key Stage will have a performance for our families (unfortunately this will be outside so please bring your umbrella and wrap up well) – we will confirm the days and times of your child's performance in a separate letter (week of 6th -10th December 2021). We will be collecting for Macmillan Cancer Research on the day so any donations will be appreciated and we will make the donation to this worthy charity on the children's behalf.
- **Pantomime** (on Thursday 16th December)
- **Christmas Workshops** (with our lovely dance & activities teacher Anna – Monday 13th Years 3 & 4 (pm), Tuesday 14th Years 1 & 2 (am) & Wednesday 15th December Nursery, Reception (am) and Year 5 & 6 (pm) each class will have a different Christmas Workshop and on this day they can wear their party clothes – no school uniform required.
- Christmas Presents and a socially distanced visit from **Santa** (Friday 17th December)
- **Christmas Jumper Day & Party Day** (in the children's own Key Stage groups Friday 17th December)



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To our wonderful Parents and Carers, as an additional thank you for all your support this year, we will enter all our families into a prize draw with a chance to win a Christmas hamper which will be drawn by Santa on Friday 17th December 2021. Good Luck! (over 18 only are able to collect the prize)

As you are aware we close for Christmas on Friday 17th December 2021 at **2.00pm**.

I look forward to seeing our wonderful children after the Christmas break and we will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Can I take this opportunity again to thank you for all your wonderful support and wish you all the best for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Hopefully 2022 will bring us some return to normalcy and we can share some happy times with you all again in our wonderful school.

Take care.
Yours sincerely

Mrs S Brereton
Headteacher

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