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## ASHFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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*Inspiring our children to dream big, be extraordinary  
and change the world*

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12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents

Following on from the additional coronavirus advice from County, and in discussion with Merry Hill school, we have decided to share our plans for our school Christmas celebrations with you earlier than normal. Despite the ongoing Covid-19 situation, all of the staff and both our parent committees are determined to give our children the very best time possible at the end of this term.

As with all plans and proposals, these are subject to the local situation and guidance from Hertfordshire Local Authority, Public Health and the DFE.

### **School Christmas Lunches**

Our traditional meal will still go ahead on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. There will be music, festive hats, delicious food and laughter as staff get involved in serving the children!

### **Nativity and Singing Productions**

#### Year 3 Christmas Celebration

Year 3 will learn some Christmas songs and stage their own nativity so the children can dress up and learn about the real meaning of Christmas.

This will be filmed and uploaded towards the end of the term as we are unable to accommodate audiences in school. A release date will be shared in the next few weeks.

#### St James' Church Visit

All children will attend a Celebration of Christmas at St James' Church on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December during school time. We are already busy learning songs for this special event.

### **Christmas Cards**

Our Christmas postbox will be open for business from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Children can post their cards at break time and our Year 6 post office will get them delivered around school that day!

### **Secret Santa**

Secret Santa will go ahead in the week of 6<sup>th</sup> December. Children are able to buy presents in class, which they will wrap themselves to bring home. Exact dates to be announced shortly.

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers on the day of their Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## **Open Classrooms**

We will not be able to hold Open Classrooms on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December as we cannot accommodate large numbers of adults in school. Instead, your child will bring home a 'Beautiful Book' on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, containing their favourite work from this term for you to share together.

## **Ashfield Fundraising Opportunity**

### **Christmas Fair**

Christmas is a time when ASHA organise a number of wonderful fundraising activities to support our school. Our Christmas Fair is one of our biggest fundraising events and is very much enjoyed by the whole community. We were really hoping that Covid would not upset our plans this year, but with the high number of cases and the additional coronavirus advice from County, it is with great disappointment that we are having to cancel for the second year running.

ASHA have adapted brilliantly to this disappointing news and are busy planning a Christmas Celebration Day for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, where classes will visit the hall with their teachers to play all of their favourite Christmas Fair Games, wear non-uniform and find out who has won the raffle prizes!

We know that last Christmas was very difficult for many due to the tier 4 restrictions put in place, so we want to make sure that this year is one to remember. Hopefully, this letter will reassure families that we will do our utmost to ensure all the children enjoy the well-deserved festive fun and experiences in school this term.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Sincerely,



Helen Flint  
Acting Headteacher