



Thursday 10th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a busy and successful term, I am writing to share our plans for the final week before we end for the holiday. In response to the latest government advice, our final day of term will now be **Thursday 17th December**. School will finish at 3:30pm as usual.

Festive Jumper Day

This Friday 11th December, your child is invited to wear a festive jumper to school and donate £2 to Save the Children. In previous years, colourful jumpers decorated in tinsel have been a firm favourite and a sustainable solution.

Christmas performances

Where we would usually arrange a pantomime trip at this time of year, we have thought carefully about ways for your children to enjoy high-quality performances in school.

For KS1 classes, children will watch a theatre performance of Peter Pan recorded from the National Theatre. They will enjoy the play on the screen in their classrooms.

For Key Stage 2 classes, we have booked a virtual screening of Charles Dickens' famous play: A Christmas Carol, performed by actors from The Old Vic Theatre. This will take place on Wednesday 16th December, in the afternoon.

All children will enjoy the performances in the comfort of their classroom, broadcast on the whiteboard screen. It is an opportunity to introduce the children to a well-loved tales and to bring the theatre to them at a time when we, sadly, cannot take them to see a show.

To cover the cost of the performances, we ask for a **£1 voluntary donation**, which you can pay through Parent Pay. Alternatively, your child may hand in the cash in an envelope labelled with their name to their class teacher.

Christmas lunch

Our wonderful catering team will be providing a delicious festive meal on Thursday 17th December. Children who usually have packed lunches are also very welcome to choose this option. We have crackers, tinsel and festive music for your children to enjoy with their bubbles.

Sharing with you

Our classes in KS1 and KS2 are busy preparing performances of two winter poems. As we cannot safely invite you to join us in the hall this year, we will be sharing these by video next week. Please encourage your child to learn their poem by heart – we know that actions really help with this.

Winter donations

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated books for our winter collection. These will be shared as gifts in recognition of the additional challenges some of our families may face this year. Please continue to make your generous donations of books, or food vouchers for local supermarkets – Doreen is collecting them in the office until Wednesday 16th December.

Thank you for all of your continued support this winter term. We truly appreciate the way everyone has come together to face recent challenges – it is what makes us so proud of the Springfield community. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

With warmest winter wishes,
Anna Case

