



27 November 2020

Dear Parents/carers

### Christmas arrangements

I thought it would be useful to update you on Christmas activities which will take place at Greenway this year. You will appreciate that due to COVID we have had to make some adjustments to what we normally do.

#### Decorations Day

This will take place on Thursday 10 December. This is where a range of activities take place in preparation for Christmas.

#### Christmas Parties

Each year group will have a time planned in the last week of term to have their Christmas Party. This year children will wear school uniform and not change into other party clothes, as this reduces items being bought into school from home.

#### Christmas Dinner

We have already communicated with you that Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 16 December. Children can come to school on this day wearing their Christmas jumpers. Christmas dinner will operate in year group bubbles, and all the children will be able to eat dinner either, in the dining room and/or the hall on a rota system. Every year the GSA very kindly purchase Christmas crackers for each child. These will be kept in storage for at least a week before being handed to the children.

#### Christmas cards from home

Due to COVID we are **not** allowing Christmas cards to be bought into school this year. I know this will come as a disappointment to some of you but I am sure you can appreciate the reason why we have taken this decision.

#### Nativity and Christmas Carols

As part of their Music and RE curriculum, all children are learning Christmas songs and exploring the meaning of Christmas for Christians and around the world.

As you will appreciate, due to not being able to mix class bubbles, we have taken the difficult decision not to have a joint Reception and Nursery Nativity this year or a KS2 Christmas Carols performance. Nursery however, will be performing their own nativity and this will be filmed and uploaded to Google Classrooms before the end of term. Nursery parents will be emailed a separate letter for permission for their child to be filmed

#### Christmas Theatre experience

We have also organised a theatre experience for all the children which will take during the last week of term. This will be a pre-recorded experience that will be shown via video to the children in their year group bubbles.

Regards,  
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