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## December 2020 Newsletter

### Christmas Productions

We are really looking forward to sharing our Christmas Productions with you all. The pupils and staff have been working so hard to produce the 'Born in Bethlehem' and 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All!' performances. The videos of these performances will be shared with you in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to everyone who has so far provided the incredibly creative costumes that are in school- these really are greatly appreciated. Thank you.



### Christmas Jumper Day

We will be holding Christmas Jumper Day once again this year. On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed in non-school uniform and wear a Christmas jumper if they have one. The children do not need to come in any uniform on this day.

We are not collecting donations this year, but should you wish to donate to **Save the Children**, please visit <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080>

### Reception 2021 Intake

We had originally planned to hold Open Evenings for parents of the Reception intake of September 2021 in November, but due to Lockdown we postponed these until December. Now, because of the fact that we find ourselves in Tier Three, we have taken the decision to cancel these. Instead we have shared two videos that we had prepared for our Reception 2020 starters in the hopes that the information shared will answer any questions that parents might have.

For any of you that have children who are due to start Reception in 2021, please feel free to watch these videos using the links below. Should you have any further questions, once you have watched these, please just get in touch.

### [Our Reception Classroom](#)

### [Information presentation for parents of September 2020 intake](#)

### Christmas Cards

As you are all hopefully aware, instead of having our usual Christmas post-box, we have asked that should any children want to give cards to their friends that this is just done within their own class and not to children in other classes. Please can cards be put in a bag with your child's name and class on and brought in to school by **11<sup>th</sup> December** so that they can be distributed on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance.

## Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2020

As the end of 2020 is fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. Working together with you to ensure that your child is happy and progressing is an aspect that we are grateful for. On behalf of all of the staff at Manor Farm Academy, we would like to wish you a fantastic Christmas as it is unlikely that we will get the chance to say this personally in the forthcoming weeks.





### Spare Clothing

Our supplies of spare underwear, socks and tights (for children in all year groups) are running really low and we would very much appreciate any donations of these that are no longer needed at home. If your child does need to borrow these from school on the odd occasion, could we please just ask that they are returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you so much.



### Christmas Lunch

The hot Christmas Lunch day will be on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Orders for lunches have already been placed. For those not wanting hot meals on this day, we are inviting children to come to school with a 'festive pack-up'!



### Christmas Panto Afternoon

On the afternoon of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be watching a Christmas Pantomime online. We would like to invite them to bring a snack from home to enjoy whilst watching the show. This snack will be for your child only and they will not be sharing. Please can we remind you that **no nuts or products containing nuts** should be brought in to school. Thank you.

### Traffic Management

It was great to see some of you at the Virtual Traffic Management Meeting held by Councillor Stephen Roe on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Following this meeting, I have met with Councillor Roe and representatives from Lincolnshire Highways planning team to discuss traffic management around the school. During the virtual meeting, we had discussed the need for school signage and road markings around the academy. I am pleased to inform you that it was agreed this is certainly something that will be actioned and that this will be further investigated.

I am sure that you will all agree that this is great news.

### National Online Safety App

In case you are not aware, we would like to share the fact that a new App for online safety has been developed. It promises to be a comprehensive online safety app packed with insightful courses, videos, webinars and guides on topics that help us further protect our children when they are online. Here is the link:

[National Online Safety App](#)

## Dates for your Diary

### December

**11<sup>th</sup> December-** *Christmas Jumper Day*

**WB 14<sup>th</sup> December -** *Reception, Y1 and Y2 production videos will be shared*

**14<sup>th</sup> December-** *Christmas Lunch*

**16<sup>th</sup> December-** *Christmas Panto Afternoon*

**17<sup>th</sup> December** *School Closes at 2pm*

### January

**4<sup>th</sup> January-** *All children return to school*



### ...and finally

As this very strange year draws to a close, we would like to thank you all for the incredible, unwavering support that you have shown us. Throughout it all, together as team, we have kept our children happy, safe and learning.

We would like to wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to working with you again in the New Year.