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Dear Parents/Carers

## Newsletter 2

I'm sure we are all very much aware that Christmas is going to be very different for us all this year, at home, work and obviously at school. We are all going to miss the concerts, Christmas plays and of course the Hazeldene Christmas Fair, but we are going to ensure the children experience some COVID safe activities as outlined below.

### Mad Hair Day/Xmas Shine

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November will be Xmas SHINE when the children will come off their daily curriculum and spend the day doing lots of different Christmas arts and crafts. This is also going to be mufti and mad hair day where we are going to ask the children to bring in a small donation that we will give to a local children's charity. We are going to ask parent's to vote for their favourite charity via a survey of five local charities and all money raised will go to the winning charity. I look forward to some great hairstyles, maybe even some Christmas themed ones.

### Christmas Parties

The year group Christmas parties will go ahead, however unfortunately we will not be able to have food this year for obvious reasons, so the children will eat their lunch as normal with their party in the afternoon. We have sent an invite to Father Christmas, and asked that he wears a face covering to keep both him and the children safe. On party days the children can of course come to school wearing sensible party clothes.

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6

### Christmas Cards

I know that the children like to send Christmas cards to each other and their teachers so please can I ask that they are brought into school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.



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in either a small bag or with a band round them. They will then be kept in their classroom to 'quarantine' and given out in the last week.

### Christmas Jumper Day

We will be participating in the NSPCC annual Christmas Jumper Day as always, and this year I'm sure you'll agree that this is even more important. This is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and children can come to school wearing a Christmas top or something in a seasonal colour for a small donation.

### Christmas Lunch

I'm sure the children will be really pleased to know that we will still be having Christmas lunch this year, the only difference is that it will be over two days. Reception, Years 1 & 2 will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. More information to follow via dojo later this week.

### Christmas Competition

We are going to be holding a competition for the children to do at home with a Christmas theme. This can be making a decoration, writing a Christmas poem or story or perform a Christmas song or dance via video. They can interpret in their own way so all talents get recognised. Again more information to follow soon.

### Final Day

We finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and we will be finishing early this day. All children will need to be collected from their usual pick-up point.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 can be collected at 12.50pm

Year 3 & 4 at 1.00pm

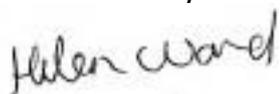
Year 5 & 6 at 1.15pm

The school kitchens will provide lunch as normal for Reception - Year 4, **but** Year 5 & 6 will need to bring a packed lunch due to the early finish time.

This has obviously been a lot of information with lots happening in December so please keep an eye on your dojo messages.

We return to school on **TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021.**

Yours sincerely



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