

# Christmas Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Not long now until Christmas is upon us once more. Despite the world having changed so much, we are still aiming to make Christmas a special time in school for your children and for you by ensuring that our usual events go ahead, albeit in a modified form. This newsletter contains information about all things Christmas, but as well as that, I have some news to share.

Miss Brook and Mrs Rush are each expecting a baby at the beginning of March. With the increased risk to mother and baby in the third trimester, advice is that unless a workplace can be considered 100% Covid-safe, expectant mothers work from home during that period.



Mrs Rush usually supports in Year 5 and from the 14th December she will continue to spend some time on Teams supporting groups but will also support children in Year 6. This will free up some time to enable Mrs Oldfield, TA in Year 6, to be shared across Year 5 and 6. Mrs Rush will also be on Teams during before and after school club to chat to children and support with behaviour reminders.

Miss Brook will be supporting groups in her class on Teams from home from 7th December, teaching some of the time from home, and in the afternoons supporting children with their mental health and well-being by meeting with them on Teams to explore emotions, inner chumps and other aspects of mental health. In Year 1, Miss Victoria Kenny will be joining us as class teacher as soon as Miss Brook starts working from home, and will remain in post for the remainder of the school year. The children met her recently when she taught phonics as part of the interview process, and she is currently spending time getting to know them at lunchtimes outside.

Thank you once again for all your support,

Melanie Barratt

## Christmas (Virtual) Performance Dates

**Nursery** Christmas Performance: Tues 8th December at 2.00pm and Thurs 10th December at 10am

**Reception** 'I Spy Christmas': on Fri 11th Dec at 10.00am

**Year 1** 'It's Christmas': Fri 4th December at 1.30pm

**Year 2** 'A Midwife Crisis': on Tues 15th Dec at 10.00am

**A Teams link for each performance above will be sent out by email the day before each one takes place.**

**KS2 Classes** will each be contributing to a performance akin to our usual Carol Service in their own classes. To present this to you, we will need to film each part. We will let you know more about where and how long you can access this recorded performance closer to the time.

## Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to bring Christmas Cards for their friends and teachers as usual. There will be a small post box in each classroom- children must post the cards into this box and when the teacher knows that there has been a 3 day quarantine period since the last posting, they will give out the cards for children to take home.



## Other Christmas dates:

7th December	Online Pantomime: we have purchased a live, virtual Panto to watch on screen in class.
11th December	Christmas Sweater Day: bring £1 for non-uniform day to raise money for <i>Save the Children</i>
TBC	Class Party Days- teachers will send out dates
14-18th Dec	In place of Christmas Dinner- a Christmassy dessert each day this week from tree biscuits to reindeer ice cream
14th December	Santa from his sofa. Father Christmas will visit Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 via Zoom to deliver gifts

Some parents have already asked if staff will accept Christmas gifts this year. If you would like to send one in, staff will put it to one side for a time before they take it home, so yes, they will. (Please note that I am not for a second suggesting or hinting that you should! There is just no other way to let those of you who do wish to send in a gift know that you can)