

Welcome to the December newsletter.

Despite the fact that some of our usual festive traditions have been affected by COVID, we are determined to celebrate Christmas in a fun yet safe way! As we are unable to hold a Carol Service or host our Christmas Performances, we will instead provide something recorded that can be shown online. Please keep checking Tapestry, Seesaw and ParentHub for further updates on this. We will hopefully be able to share all our videos with the other classes too so we can celebrate our festive achievements as a school.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 11th December	EYFS/Year 1 Christmas Party
Monday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Tuesday 15th December	Making of the Christingles
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December	Mrs Owen's class and Mrs Prosser's class Christmas Party (pm) Christmas cards to be given out
Friday 18th December	Hot chocolate and carols (am) Christmas Panto (pm)
Friday 18th December	3.30pm Close for Christmas
Monday 4 th January	School re-opens

Party Food

On the day of your child's party, children can wear festive or fun party wear for the day. Your child can bring in party snacks in their own packed lunch box and a drink if you wish. Unfortunately, they will not be able to share food with other children this year.

Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal

We are pleased to say that Sigglesthorne is taking part in the Ebor Academy Trust '**Reverse Advent Calendar appeal**' this year – instead of receiving a small gift each day by taking something out, we aim to give one by putting something in! Starting on Tuesday 1 December, every weekday we encourage members of our school community to place a donation in a box. There will be a box outside of the EYFS/Year 1 classroom and a box outside the main entrance. On Friday 18 December, we will then take the box to a food bank, to share among people who are facing a tough time at the moment. This small act of compassion might make a big difference to some people – but it is also entirely voluntary – no-one has to do it.

By sharing your donations each day on social media – using the hashtag #FoodbankAdvent – it helps keep the appeal fresh in everyone's minds.

Christmas Cards

We would still like to provide the children with the opportunity to give and receive Christmas cards in school. However, to remain as safe as possible, there will be a few changes. We request that your child brings their cards at the start of the week- Mondays would be great. There will be a box in each classroom for the children to use. The cards will then be stored and given out on Thursday 17th of December. The last day for bringing cards to school would be the 14th of December to provide 72 hours before they are given out.

School Christmas Dinner

The children will be able to enjoy a festive Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December. Looking forward to it!

Christmas Decorations

As we are unable to host our Christmas Fair this year, in a bid to try and raise some money for our school, each child will be making and decorating Christmas decorations. These will be displayed with an honesty box where we kindly ask for a donation for each decoration taken. Each class will have a table with their decorations located near to where your child is collected:

EYFS/Y1- Near to the mobile classroom

Y2/3- Outside the main entrance

Y4/5/6- On the main playground

Christmas Panto

As we are all unable to go out to the theatre and enjoy watching a Christmas pantomime, we thought it would be fun to bring the pantomime to Sigglesothorne! We have purchased the online pantomime 'Robin Hood and His Socially Distanced Men!'. We are looking forward to participating in the fun on the afternoon of Friday 18th December.

And finally...

We are delighted with the way the children adjusted back to Sigglesothorne school life and it has been a productive term all round. There have been a few bumps along the way which we have managed to overcome- staff, Governors, parents and children together! So it just leaves me to say on behalf of all the staff at Sigglesothorne, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

Stay safe.

Victoria Tippett