



November 2020

Dear Families,

Can you believe it's nearly Christmas? We know for all of us, it will be a very different time this year, as we continue to live through this pandemic. **Thank you** for helping us to keep our children and staff safe and the school open, by **sticking to the measures** we have had to put in place at drop off and pick up time. Some of you have asked why we have recently introduced a couple of new measures (staff in masks on the door and separate entrances for Seedlings and Saplings classes). We are regularly reviewing our risk assessment and looking at what is happening nationally and locally in regard to covid cases. When we come out of lockdown 2, later this week, Norfolk will be put in **Tier 2**. We know that many schools this term have already had to fully or partially close, because of staff or children testing positive. With your **full cooperation**, we hope we can avoid that happening at our school.

### Christmas Arrangements this year

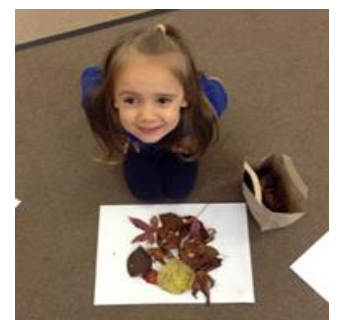
Whilst we cannot provide the usual Christmas experience in school this year, staff are trying really hard to plan Christmas activities with your children. The following is a guide to what we are doing in December.

#### Christmas Cards

**Unfortunately**, due to strict covid19 measures currently in place, we cannot allow Christmas card sharing as normal. We know that some families will be disappointed. However, if your child would like to **send 1 card to the class**, this is very welcome.

#### Christmas Performance

We are sadly unable to invite families in for our usual Christmas performances this year. However, staff are planning on filming the children performing some Christmas songs, **during the week beginning Monday 7th December**. The short film of the performance will then be **available via the website during the week beginning Monday 16th December**. Please be aware that if you have not given permission for your child to be on social media, then they will not feature in the film. If you have any queries about this, please speak to the office by calling 01603 451299.



## Christmas Decoration

Look out for a Christmas craft with instructions, coming home in the next few days. If you would like to send in a photo of the finished decoration, we would be very pleased to see how you and your child got on.

## Christmas Jumper and My Favourite Christmas Word Day

On **Friday 11th December** we are holding a Christmas Jumper day. We invite children to wear a Christmas jumper with any donations going towards the Save the Children charity. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they could decorate any jumper with some Christmas decorations. We thought this year we would make this 'our favourite Christmas word' day too. **Classes will be sharing details nearer the time.**

## Christmas Party

Staff will be organising a Christmas party for the children in their year group bubbles on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child would like to come in party clothes, they are very welcome, but please ensure they are still suitable for an active day at school. We have had a word with Father Christmas and we are organising how he can deliver a small gift covid safely! We would really appreciate donations on the day to help fund the party.

## Christmas Dinner

The school kitchen will once again be providing us with a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December.

## Christmas Holidays

School/Nursery closes on **Friday 18th December** and reopens on **Monday 4th January 2021**.

## Norfolk Tier Update

As you are aware, Norfolk is being put into **Tier 2** from **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

This means

- You cannot socialise indoors with anyone who doesn't live with you or isn't in your support bubble
- You can meet in a group of up to 6 outside, including a garden, or a park

