

# The Forest News

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Kings' Forest  
Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers

As we now move into the month of December we are beginning our Christmas festivities and trying to keep things as normal as possible for the children. This year we have some exciting things planned to make sure the children have a wonderful time:

- ◇ All year groups have the opportunity to have a Christmas dinner should they want one (the hall will be decorated, we have Christmas trees and Christmas music will be playing) The children will be eating in their bubbles in the hall. We will use the hall divide with one bubble in each area to keep everyone Covid safe.
- ◇ Our Reception children have been practicing a Nativity and this is being filmed and sent out to Reception parents so that this important event can continue in a Covid safe way.
- ◇ Every class is involved in producing a section for a Christmas Kings' Forest Radio Special. This will be recorded, edited and made available for parents and families to listen to.
- ◇ Every child is currently painting a Christmas bauble which will have a message of hope. These will be on display along the railings leading up the main drive to provide a little bit of festive cheer and hope for the whole school community.
- ◇ Our wonderful PTA have organised the Christmas cards this year (they have been printed and will be delivered shortly), Reindeer food will be available to purchase (see separate letter from PTA), each family will also receive a Christmas bauble with a message of hope as a token of our thanks for all the support we have received from the community.
- ◇ Thank you - the Christmas card system is working well. Please continue to send any cards in on a Monday so we can hold them until they will be given out on a Friday.

Please be reassured that we have no authority (or indeed plans) to close the school for the final week of term and we have not received any directive from Government to do so. I have received a few queries about this. The last day of term remains Friday 18th December.

We are doing all we can to minimise risk and will be working really hard in the last week of term to make sure everyone is safe and well over Christmas. You can help with this by continuing to adhere to Government Tier 3 guidelines and practising social distancing. Breakfast and afterschool club will continue as normal but please only use these if you absolutely need to so that we keep numbers as low as possible.

Best wishes  
Ms Porter

Date	Event
27.11.20	INSET
11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day
14.12.2020	Nursery and Reception Christmas Dinner
15.12.2020	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Dinner
16.12.2020	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Dinner
17.12.2020	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Dinner
18.12.2020	Term 2 ends
04.01.2021	INSET
05.01.2021	Term 3 starts
08.02.2021	Arts Week
12.02.2021	Term 3 Ends



**Christmas Jumper Day: on Friday 11th December children are able to wear a Christmas jumper to school. If you would like to make a donation to Save the Children UK then please send this in on the day via the class teacher.**

### Christmas gifts

Every year lots of families kindly show their thanks and appreciation towards staff by buying gifts, which are always appreciated.

In these current challenging times please do not feel that you need to buy any gifts, we know that money may be short. A thank you and a Christmas greeting goes a long way!

### Crossing the school field

As the school field becomes muddier at this time of year, we will be closing the entrance/exit field gate on the main pathway to the school. If your child usually uses this gate you will now need to use the Deerswood entrance to access the school.

Please, as we have already requested only one parent/carer to drop off and pick up.

### Help if you need it:

Whilst Christmas can be an exciting time of year it can also prove to be very stressful especially as we remain in Tier 3 lockdown. If you are suffering any form of domestic violence or controlling behaviour then these organisations can help.

If you are in an emergency situation please call 999

The National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)