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Dear Parents,

Christmas at Queensway



I wanted to write to give families plenty of notice about how we will be celebrating Christmas in school as obviously we are having to do things differently in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, whilst still marking this special occasion.

Previously:	Christmas 2020:
Decorating the school	We will still be decorating the classes on 1 st December.
Christmas Jumper Day	This is still happening on Friday 11th December . Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of the school blue jumper and bring in a £1 donation which is shared between Save the Children and our PTA. Children are still required to wear school trousers/skirts with their Christmas jumper. Staff will have donation tubs on the doors for children to put the money in. Staff won't be handling this money until a 72 hours isolation period has passed.
PTA Christmas Fair	This is not happening. However, as we usually make something crafty to sell on the class stalls, we will be having a craft afternoon on Tuesday 15th December instead. Children will bring home their crafty gift as presents to their families. There will be donation tubs on the door for parents to contribute to if they wish. Funds will still go to our PTA. <i>Father Christmas will not be visiting at all.</i>
Christmas dinner	This is still happening on Wednesday 16th December , but we will be offering a Festive Bap instead of a full Christmas dinner. Children will still make hats and have Christmas music playing in the background but children will be keeping to the current location for lunch time rather than everyone congregating in the hall. All children can access this meal. Details will be sent out separately. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to this free and for children in Nursery and Years 3-6 they can choose to buy this lunch, unless they are entitled to Free School Meals.
Year 2 Nativity and KS 2 Carol Concert	Each class are going to learn a Christmas carol/song which they will perform and it will be filmed and put together into a virtual Queensway Carol Concert which the children will watch in the classrooms on Thursday 17th December , (the last day of term). Parents will be able to watch it through the class blogs from the last day of

	term too. Any children who we do not have consent to film will of course not be filmed.
Disco and class parties	These can't happen as the children can't mix across bubbles and we don't want the children getting hot and sweaty inside due to the spread of Covid-19, so each class will watch a Christmas Film after Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December . They will only be U or PG certificates. This will be a nice end of term treat.
The School Post Box	Sadly, we will not be using the school post box this year. If children wish to send cards, they all need to be in school by Friday 11th December so that we can quarantine them until the last day of term. Children can only send cards to children and staff within their cohort bubble, i.e. both Year 4 classes for example. Please ensure the envelope is clearly marked with the recipient's name and class they are in.
Christmas gifts to staff	Whilst we all really appreciate your gifts at Christmas, this year we really feel passionately that we want the children to have the money you would normally spend on us. We appreciate things are going to be tough for lots of families this year with people tightening their belts, so please don't spend money on us. We would also be unable to receive gifts into school due to the potential spread of Covid just as we are about to spend time with elderly, frail relatives over the Christmas break. We hope you understand.

As you can see, we have tried to ensure that children will still have a super time in school in the lead up to Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support. These are not easy decisions when they pull at your heart strings but the health and well being of our whole school community is of paramount importance.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman
Head Teacher