

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER EXTRA

December 2020

As we all know Christmas is looking a little different this year and everyone is having to make changes to the way things are done. We're working hard in school and also with the help of our brilliant PTA, to make sure there'll be some festive fun. Together we're determined that albeit a little unusual and to some extent 'remote', our families will have the chance to enjoy plenty of Woodborough School Christmas Magic! Read on to learn how...

Woodborough School celebrates 'Christingle At-Home'...

Thank you to all of the families who signed up for a **Christingle in-a-bag kit** - 103 in total.



Thank you also to **Mrs Gorvin, Mrs Needham** and children from our **Worship Council** who have assembled the kits this week (using COVID safe and socially distanced arrangements).

Christingle kits will be sent home on Friday 27th November.

A **Vale of Pewsey Team Christingle Service** will be streamed online on **Sunday 6th December** - see more at: www.valeofpewsey.org

Later, on **13th December**, you may also like to join in with the [The Children's Society's first ever National Christingle Service ...](#)

Join us for our first ever
National Christingle Service

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We would love for you to join our Christingle service, featuring speeches from HRH The Duchess of Gloucester and the Bishop of Derby Libby Lane. This magical event will also feature a performance from soprano singer Joanna Forest, and young people lighting the Christingles.

Date: Sunday 13 December
Time: 9am (will last approx. 45 minutes)
Location:
The Church of England's Facebook and YouTube channels

Additional Info: The link for the service, downloadable Order of Service and how you can participate in the Christingle making will be shared in the week leading up to the service.

Register to attend: christingle.org/attend

Click on the poster above for more details.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS UPDATE...



Tea Towels make great Christmas presents...

The extended deadline for Tea Towel orders is **Friday 27th November**. You can download a form here: [Tea Towel Order Form](#)

Best Dressed Christmas Tree Competition

We're looking for creative, quirky, classic or colourful trees that light up a room. There's no theme so let your imagination run wild and involve the whole family.

[Read more and download an entry form here.](#)



Christmas Hampers

In keeping with tradition, we'll be sending out raffle tickets (via children's book bags) very soon and will be asking parents and friends of the school to contribute items for Christmas hampers - one of our key fundraisers.

A multi-day has been scheduled for Friday 4th December when children can come to school in home clothes (Christmas jumpers are a fa-

avourite) in return for an item for the hampers. Collection boxes will be on the school playground at drop-off and pick-up on that date. Fingers crossed for some well-stocked Christmas hampers!

This year's raffle draw will take place on 15th December, allowing lucky winners to collect their hampers before the end of term.

[Follow this link for more Christmas Hamper information.](#)



'Make or Bake a Father Christmas'

Although there's no Christmas Fair this year we are running the children's favourite **'Make or Bake Competition'**. This year the theme is Father Christmas and more details will follow very soon...



And finally... 👁️ 👁️ look out for details of our brilliant **'Just One Book'** venture coming soon.

Learn how our school is working hard to inspire readers in every class and find out how you can help to introduce them to a world of exciting new titles and authors...



School Post Box

Our school postal service will be operating again this year, to enable the children to send Christmas cards to one another. However we have had to make some changes to ensure our procedures are safe.

The Woodborough School Christmas Mail Service will operate in the following way from the beginning of next week...

Location: On the school playground at morning drop-off (if children arrive by bus we will make provision for them to post their cards too).

Collection Days: Every morning **from Monday 30th November until the last collection date of Tuesday 15th December.**

Delivery Days: Collected cards will be quarantined in dated boxes, for a minimum of 72 hours, before being sorted (using COVID-safe arrangements) and delivered to classes for distribution.

Envelopes should be addressed clearly with the recipient's Christian name, surname and class (and remember our postal service is for internal school mail only)! Please do not include sweets or chocolates on or in cards this year. Thank you ☺



Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 15th December

We'll still be in our bubbles and Christmas Lunch arrangements will be COVID-safe, but turkey and sprouts (!) we shall have...



Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey with Chipolatas,
Sage & Onion stuffing & Gravy

OR

Roasted Quorn Fillet, Sage & Onion stuffing & Gravy

Roasted Potatoes, Peas, Carrots & Sprouts

Fruit

Or

Strawberry & Vanilla Ice Cream



All parents are now able to book their child(ren)'s Christmas Lunch via School Gateway. The deadline for orders will be **Monday 7th December** as food orders will be placed on that date.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Cherry, Elm, Lime & Willow Class) and you have not already paid for a lunch on that date, you will need to pay £2.30 with your order.

On Thursday 17th December, oh yes we are... having Parties and a Panto (they'll just be a little different)!

We'd like to invite all children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or something festive.

We can't share food but we'd like everyone to bring their own, packed party lunch - to be eaten in their festively decorated classroom, alongside bubble friends and accompanied by Christmas music. Party lunches will conclude with **Class Conga** demonstrations around the running track - to be shared remotely with other classes!



In the afternoon, we have booked to watch a specially arranged pantomime for schools which has been written by former Blue Peter presenter, Peter Duncan ('Dame Trott').

The panto has been designed to be as interactive as if the audience were in a theatre and will be streamed at the same time across all class bubbles in our school.

Maple, Sycamore and Oak Classes present 'A King is Born'

Undeterred by current circumstances, our **Key Stage 1 classes** are determined to share some traditional Christmas cheer. Rehearsals for this bubble-friendly Christmas nativity musical are well underway and are sounding amazing.

We're sorry we won't be hosting their performance to a live, in-school audience but look forward to sharing a recording with families at the end of term. A release date and more details will follow soon...



Key Stage 2 classes celebrate with 'Lessons and Carols'



Although we won't all be together in church, **Cherry, Elm, Lime and Willow Classes** will be recording their bubble friendly **Carol Service** to share with families and friends during the last week of term.

'Whole School Christmas Service' - Friday 18th December to be shared live, via Teams, from 10 am

Everyone is welcome to join our socially distanced end of term service, led by Canon Larkey and Year 6 pupils with our Reception Class Nativity Tableau. Please be sure to let Miss Bolwell know if you'd like a Teams invitation.



Creative Classes and Christmas Crafts

It wouldn't be Christmas if you hadn't had sprinkling of school glitter in your homes! In the absence of our Christmas Fair, classes are planning an online-shopping experience to enable families to order and purchase some hand crafted Christmas presents and decorations. Further details and ordering arrangements to follow next week...



And finally, let the holidays commence EARLY...

We will be finishing school early to begin the Christmas holidays. School will end at 12.15 pm and school transport has been booked accordingly.

