

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER EXTRA

December 2021

As we all know Christmas is looking a little different again 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'...

Following the success of the initiative last year, we will once again be providing a paper bag kit to enable our families to make an at-home Christingle.



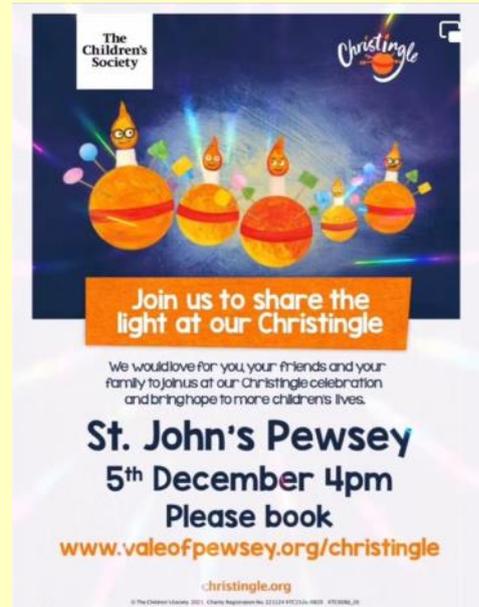
During the week commencing November 29th, pupils will bring home their kits. Thank you to Mrs Gorvin and Mrs Needham for organising

This year the Vale of Pewsey Team's Christingle Service will take place at St John's, Pewsey, on Sunday 5th December at 4pm. You are asked to book a place via

<https://www.valeofpewsey.org/events/christingle-event-4>

Please send any photographs of your family Christingle making and celebrating to:

photos@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk



CHRISTMAS EVENTS UPDATE...

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 favourite fundraisers.



'Make or Bake a Christmas Bauble'

Although there's no Christmas Fair this year, we are running the children's favourite 'Make or Bake Competition'.

This year's event will take place on **Monday 13th December** and the theme will be **Christmas Baubles**.

[Click on this link for more information.](#)



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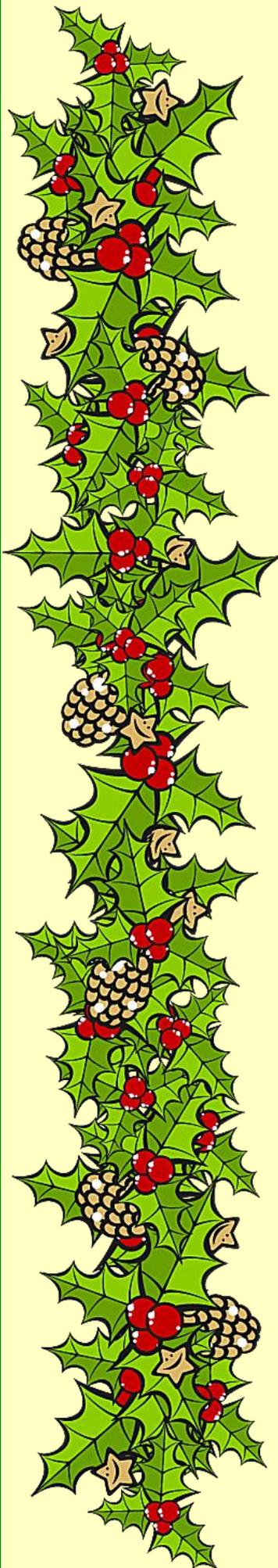
A multi-day has been scheduled for **Friday 10th December** when children can come to school in home clothes (Christmas jumpers are a favourite) in return for an item for the hampers. Collection boxes will be on the school playground at drop-off and pick-up on that date. Fingers crossed for some well-stocked Christmas hampers!

This year's raffle draw will take place on 17th December allowing lucky winners to collect their hampers before the end of term.



And finally... **Creative Classes and Christmas Crafts**

It wouldn't be Christmas if you hadn't had a sprinkling of school glitter in your homes! In the absence of our Christmas Fair, classes are going to be Christmas crafting in school which is kindly funded by our PTA. A selection of snowmen, Christmas trees, Father Christmases, elves, gingerbread men and robins will be made in the final week of term using kits from Wiltshire Scrapstore. Children will bring these festive creations home before the end of term for you to enjoy!



School Post Box

Our school postal service will be operating again this year, to enable the children to send Christmas cards to one another.

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 and Delivery Days: Every morning from **Monday 6th December** until the **last collection date of Thursday 16th December**.

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 14th December

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.

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



On Wednesday 15th December, class Christmas Parties will take place...



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

We still can't share food but we'd like everyone to bring their own, packed party lunch - to be eaten alongside 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, classes will play Christmas games with their friends and there might even be a visit from The Big Man himself!



Maple, Sycamore and Oak Classes present 'A Bundle of Joy'

Undeterred by current circumstances, our **Key Stage 1 classes** are determined to share some traditional Christmas cheer. Rehearsals for this 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 **KS2 Carol Service** to share with families and friends during the last week of term.



SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

We're all disappointed that so many of our Christmas plans have again been thwarted by COVID-19 but we're working hard behind the scenes to see if there might be a chance to get together in person to enjoy a little Christmas cheer (albeit outside, socially distanced and LFD tested). Don't make any plans for late afternoon/early evening on 16th December and we'll hope to bring you some exciting news very soon...

'Whole School Christmas Service' - Friday 17th 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**.

Miss Bolwell will send a Teams invitation to all parents (*please be sure to have cameras and microphones switched off when you join*).



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.

