



16 November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

You will be aware that, sadly, we will be unable to do many of the lovely things we do at Christmas time in school, such as our fair and performances. We have been discussing how we might substitute these events and activities, and while many are still in the early planning stages, we thought you might like to know about some of the things we hope to do.

Christmas raffle

We have over 50 toys and games which have been donated to school and we plan to do a giant Christmas children's raffle. (We will tweet photos of the prizes on display soon).



Every child in school will receive a raffle ticket to start them off, but additional **tickets will be on sale at 20p each** for anyone who wants to buy more. **We will sell tickets from Monday 23rd November** and draw the raffle on Friday 11th December.

Picture News Christmas Party



Your children may tell you that, each week, they take part in a Picture News assembly/discussion. The Picture News newspaper is tweeted each week too. The range of topics is huge and all relate to British Values and Children's Rights.

On Friday 11th December, all classes will be 'Zooming' in to an online festive fun party including games and quizzes!

Performances

While we can't perform for a live audience this year, each class will be **trying** to create something Christmassy for us to upload onto our website, or to Twitter. For C1 & C2, we think this will be a narrated picture-story nativity – C5 will be helping with the technology and narration. KS2 classes are planning musical surprises, so we wait to see these!



Because we will be sharing these 'performances' online, **we will need specific consent** to do this – **this is extra to the consent for photographs you have already given** – and you must tell us, or your children will not be involved in the online versions. **Please look out for an e-survey where you will need to reply 'yes' or 'no'.**

Christmas week

We hope to keep the last week as Christmassy as usual. Our normal run of events will go ahead, although they will be planned to maintain safety in our bubbles. A 'normal' final week includes:

- Monday – church; Rev. Sue has kindly volunteered to do an outdoor service for us, in a similar way to harvest
- Tuesday – 'Bubble' Christmas parties
- Wednesday – Christmas lunch
- Thursday – Adam Bushnell's Christmas Storytales
- Friday – school cinema trip; this year all classes will have a movie day and we will provide the usual treats



Further information about all of our events will be shared nearer the time, but for now at least, you have an idea of what will be going on in school.

Regards,

Mrs Dunn