

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Christmas Update



As Christmas is drawing ever nearer, I wanted to give a small update on the giving of cards, presents and Christmas Parties.

Cards – Children are welcome to bring cards into school but before we give them out we need to leave them for a least 72 hours before we distribute them to the children. If your child would like to bring cards into school, please can they do so next week. The last date will be Friday 11th December. They will then be given out in the following week. Please note that any cards sent during the last week will not be given out. If you would prefer for cards not to be sent home, please let your child's teacher know.

Gifts – Please do not send gifts into school this Christmas although they are always gratefully received we do not feel they are necessary at this time. You might want to make a small donation to charity instead.

Christmas Parties – All children in school will be enjoying their Christmas Parties on **Wednesday 16th December**. Children can come to school wearing their party clothes/non-uniform.

Food contributions for the Christmas parties will be gratefully received throughout next week, no later than the 11th December so they can be quarantined. Any items sent be in sealed wrapping, in date and shop bought, so we can check for pupils with food allergies. We will be limited for fridge space so please do not send anything that needs to refrigerated. Good items to send are biscuits / buns / cakes / crisps / popcorn / dilute pop (no added sugar). We will not accept any donations after 11th December.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 17th December is our last day in school before we break up. Please wear your Christmas jumper and/or accessory on top of your normal school uniform.

Christmas Video – As we know, Christmas is going to be different in school this year but we still want to make it special for our school community. We are going to record a short Christmas video for each class and share them between the classes in school. We also would like to share them with parents on the google classroom. We will send you a message to let you know when they are ready to view.

Start and Finish Times – We have noticed that the children are coming into school earlier now that we have got used to our entrance routine, so I have reviewed our start/finish times for next week. From Monday 7th December, see the times below for your child's start time and when to collect them. We ask that parents do not arrive before their child's start time as we will only be able to let one year group on to site at one time and we need to prevent large groups gathering at the bottom of the path.

Year	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery	9.00	12.00
Reception	08.40	15.05
Year 1	08.45	15.10
Year 2	08.45	15.10
Year 3	08.50	15.15
Year 4	08.50	15.15
Year 5	08.55	15.25
Year 6	08.55	15.25

Newstead Green Christmas Hamper Project

Our School Parliament children have collectively asked that the Academy supports a local community group by donating some basic food hampers to those most vulnerable in our community.

We will be working with Havercroft Parent Forum for this project. They will be delivering food hampers to older members of our village and wider community who live alone.

The hampers are to be made up and delivered on the w/c 14th December by Havercroft Parent Forum. The School Parliament are therefore asking for any donations from our children and their families to be brought to school no later than Thursday 10th December.

There will be a Donation Box outside the Hall on a morning for children and parents to drop off their contributions. Please be mindful of social distancing measures that are in place to keep our children and families safe when making any donations.

Ideally the completed festive hampers will include:-

- Tinned chicken
- Small pack of crackers
- Jar of jam
- Christmas cards, Calendars and any other Christmas decoration
- Shortbread biscuits
- Gourmet crisps
- Christmas cake
- Custard

Any single or multiple item from the above list would be massively appreciated by both the School Parliament children and Havercroft Parent Forum.

Thank you,
Children of the School Parliament

I hope that we've covered everything – If you have any queries regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to call or email school and either Mrs Chapman or Mrs Breedon.

Yours sincerely



Lindsey Corbett
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