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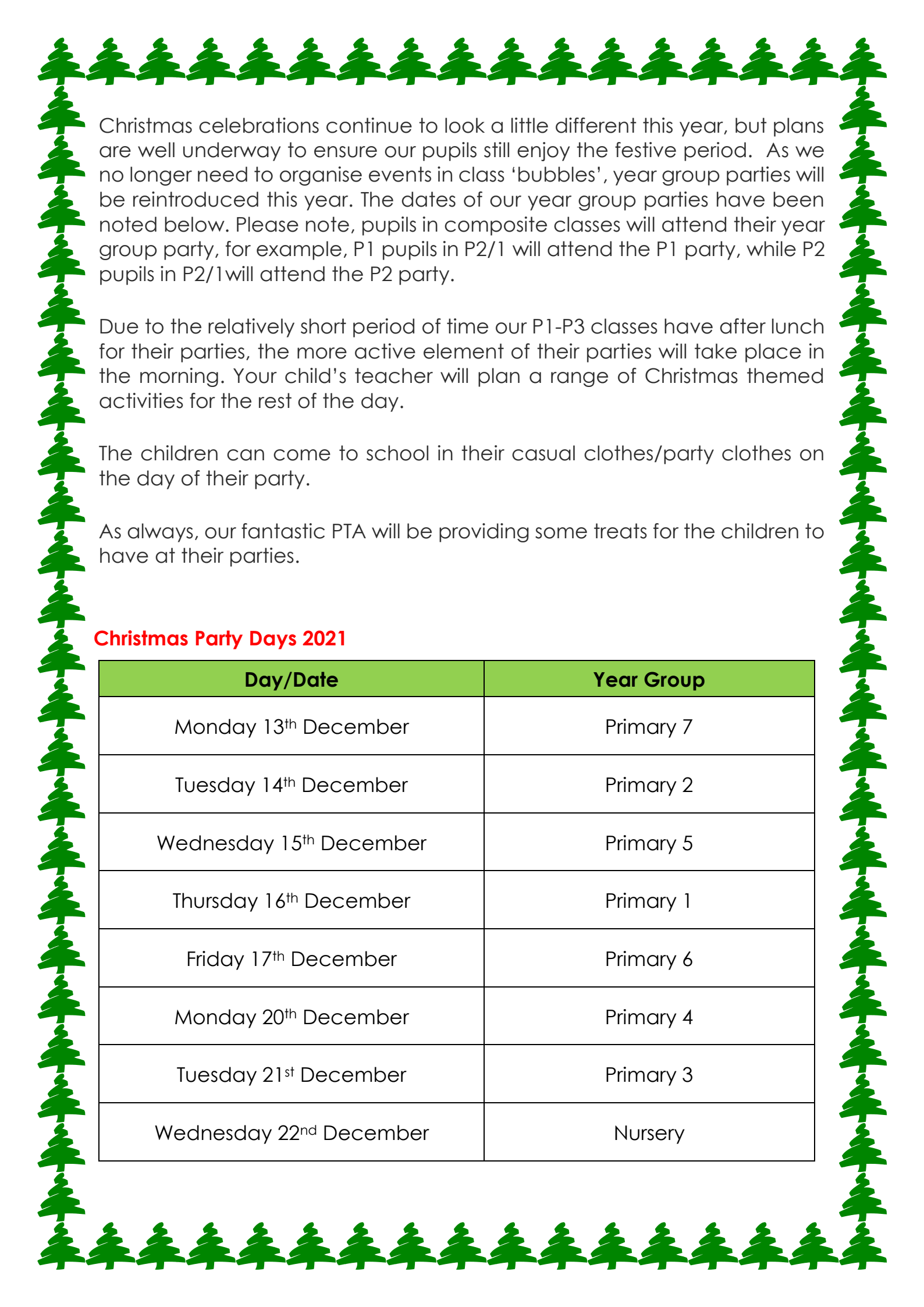
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Christmas celebrations continue to look a little different this year, but plans are well underway to ensure our pupils still enjoy the festive period. As we no longer need to organise events in class 'bubbles', year group parties will be reintroduced this year. The dates of our year group parties have been noted below. Please note, pupils in composite classes will attend their year group party, for example, P1 pupils in P2/1 will attend the P1 party, while P2 pupils in P2/1 will attend the P2 party.

Due to the relatively short period of time our P1-P3 classes have after lunch for their parties, the more active element of their parties will take place in the morning. Your child's teacher will plan a range of Christmas themed activities for the rest of the day.

The children can come to school in their casual clothes/party clothes on the day of their party.

As always, our fantastic PTA will be providing some treats for the children to have at their parties.

### Christmas Party Days 2021

Day/Date	Year Group
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary 7
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary 2
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary 5
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary 1
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary 6
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary 4
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Primary 3
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Nursery



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our catering staff will be serving Christmas Lunch on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. The cost will be **£3.10**. Pupils in P1 – P4 and **all children normally entitled to free meals** are still entitled to a free lunch on this day. Lunch order forms have already been issued and should be returned to the school by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the latest. All pupils wishing to have a Christmas lunch need to return a form. Please contact the school office if you require another copy of the form. Only the items listed on the order form will be available on this day, there will be no sandwich option.

### CRAZY CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December is our official Crazy Christmas Day. Pupils can dress down for a donation of £1.00 (maximum of £2 per family). All money raised will go to the Action for Children charity, which supports children and young people by providing practical and emotional care and support. We would encourage pupils to come to school looking as festive as possible on this day - Christmas jumpers, Santa hats, Christmas onesies, sparkly tops etc are just a few suggestions. Whatever your child wears/brings, please remind them that items should not be passed around or shared with others. The children will also have the chance to enjoy our online panto, (Aladdin), on the last day of term. This has been kindly funded by our PTA.

### NURSERY ARRANGEMENTS

Our nursery staff will issue parents/carers with further information regarding festive arrangements for our Nursery Class.

### FESTIVE HOLIDAY

This has been an extremely challenging year for staff, pupils and our school community. As we approach the holiday period, we would like to thank you for your continued support and patience over the last twelve months. We know that there are still challenges ahead, however, we will continue to stay positive and work together to ensure the best for our school community. We wish you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday.

**Don't forget to visit our school Twitter feeds to see photographs of all our main events. @SteppsPrimary @LearningStepps**



## REMAINING TERM DATES FOR 2021/2022

### December 2021 - January 2022

Schools close: 2.30pm on Wednesday 22 December 2021

Christmas and New Year holidays: Thursday 23 December 2021 to Friday 7 January (inclusive)

### February 2022

Mid-term break: Monday 14 February 2022 and Tuesday 15 February 2022

In-service day: Wednesday 16 February 2022

### April 2022

Schools Close: Friday 1 April 2022 at 2.30pm

Monday 4 April 2022 to Monday 18 April 2022 (inclusive)

Good Friday 15 April 2022

Easter Monday 18 April 2022

Schools return: Tuesday 19 April 2022



### May 2022

May day holiday: Monday 2 May 2022

In-service day: Thursday 5 May 2022 (to coincide with Scottish local government elections)

May weekend holiday: Friday 27 May 2022 and Monday 30 May 2022

### June 2022

Schools Close: Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 1pm

### August 2022 (proposed dates - session 2022/23)

Teachers return and in-service day: Monday 15 August 2022

In-service Day: Tuesday 16 August 2022

Pupils return: Wednesday 17 August 2022