



Kilbarchan Primary School
Christmas Update
07/12/20



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your loved ones are well and being supported as we move towards the Christmas holidays. At this time of year, as many of you will know, the school usually has several exciting, family events which of course we have had to cancel. We do, however, recognise the need to keep things as festive as possible for the children in our care and so I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about our plans over the next 2 weeks.

Teacher Calls

Our staff have really missed not being able to speak with you and so over the next 2 weeks each teacher will give you a quick call. We want to touch base with you as we move towards the end of what has been a challenging year, checking in, saying hello and wishing you all a Merry Christmas. When we call it will come up as either the school number or a withheld number so please pick up and say hi!

Christmas Lunch

Pupils are already looking forward to their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 9 December. The orders are in, the steak pies have been counted and the crackers purchased! This lunch is always a huge hit and I am sure this year will be no different!

Infant Performances

Our infant classes, Primaries 1, 2/1, 2, 3 and 4/3, have been working on some fantastic performances which we are going to film and upload on to Google Classrooms. Filming will take place this week, then they will be edited before they are uploaded onto Google Classrooms in the final week of term. We know that many parents will be missing our usual Christmas nativity and musical performance however we hope that these films will bring some Christmas cheer! Further details regarding the performances will be released in a separate letter to be sent out later this week.

Christmas Jumper Day

Can I remind all families that we are having a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11 December? As with the Wear What You Want Day last month, an option to make a donation to the school will be available on ParentPay. Given the current situation and showing awareness of the needs of people within our communities, we would like to split the donations received between our Playground Fund and Renfrewshire Foodbank.

Christmas Cards

Many parents and carers have approached me to ask about the regulations surrounding Christmas Cards. In light of the need to quarantine any items passing between home and school, we have taken the decision to ask that Christmas cards are brought in on Friday 11 December. They will remain in school over the weekend and then given out on Monday 14 December.

Pantomime

We know how much the children enjoy a traditional pantomime and so we have sourced an online version which we hope to stream into classes from the afternoon of Friday 11 December. This version will continue to be available to watch beyond this date so that classes can watch it at a time that suits them best.

Christmas Parties

Every class will have a Christmas party in the final week. The school will supply juice and crisps, all quarantined and adhering to current guidance. Unfortunately, we can't have games and dancing, but classes will be able to watch a film and take part in Christmas activities. Children will be permitted to wear their party clothes on the day of their party. Once classes have chosen a day that suits them best, we will inform parents and carers in a separate letter to be sent out later this week.

I hope the information I have provided is useful, but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Your faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie
Head Teacher