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Dear Parents/Carers

Information Letter 25th November 2020

COVID Measures

Can we please take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of a couple of things:

- **Pick up/Drop off**

- Face coverings should be worn by parents and other visitors to all school sites (whether entering the building or otherwise) including parents at drop-off and pick-up.
- Parents/carers are asked to maintain social distancing with other adults and children during pick up and drop off.
- The school doors open at 0845 when we have staff available to support learners with hand sanitisation.

- **Website page**

Our school website provides all the COVID related school information in one place.
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/bellsbraeprimary/covid-guidance-and-information/>

Christmas Arrangements

We are really keen to ensure that we make Christmas as special as we can for the bairns in the school. Needless to say we will have to be creative and change a lot of our current practices.

The following plans are in place:

Christmas Parties

Each class will have their own party within their classroom. Dates will be shared and if the children want to wear party clothes, they should come to school already dressed in these. A small snack and drink will be provided. Class teachers are keen to involve the children in the planning, preparation and budgeting of their party.

Christmas Cards

Each class will make their own Christmas Postbox. Anyone wishing to give cards to their friends can use their class postbox. The last day for delivery is Tuesday 15 December to allow time for quarantining items, sorting and delivery to learners.

Christmas craft

On Tuesday 22 December each child will take home a bag containing any Christmas items they have made and their cards from friends.

Christmas Assembly

Our Christmas Assembly will be held virtually for the pupils this year and we are delighted that Rev Fox will support us with this.

Christmas Lunch

Despite the current restrictions, the Catering staff are really keen to provide a Christmas Dinner this year. This will be on Thursday 10 December and will be in classrooms. Children who do not normally take a school dinner can **opt in** for this day only. The cost for School Lunch is £2.20 and this can be added to your ParentPay account or for one day payable by cash. If paying by cash this should be passed to the class teacher in an envelope with your child's name and class.

To support the ordering of food we will require confirmed numbers by **Thursday 4 December**. Please contact the school office if you wish your child(ren) to opt in for a Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11 December

We are supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and would invite all learners to come to school dressed in a Christmas theme. If your child(ren) doesn't have a jumper they could wear tinsel in their hair or put on an elf hat at minimal cost! As donations do not have to be counted on the same day then learners, who wish to make a £1 donation to Save the Children', can do so in their class.

Entertainment

Our Parent Council have secured sponsorship to purchase some virtual entertainment for the pupils. Pupils will be entertained with an online Panto and for our younger learners "Santa's Big Surprise" by Fun Box <https://www.funbox.co.uk/show/santas-big-surprise/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Wadley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Jennifer Wadley
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