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Friday 4th December 2020,

Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Staffing News**

We are very sad to say that Mr Drew will be leaving us at Christmas for pastures new! Mr Drew has been with us since his college work experience and progressed through apprenticeship to fully fledged Teaching Assistant. However, he has decided to take a different direction with his career and is going to be working in tree surgery in the future. We hope that he will be able to keep us well resourced for forest schools!

### **Christmas Cards - Last posting date 14th December**

Christmas cards are very popular amongst the children and we don't want to disappoint them by not having them this year. Therefore, from Tuesday 1st December we will have a Christmas post box at each entrance into school for the children to post their Christmas cards. Due to the requirements to be Covid Safe, these will then be quarantined before being delivered to each child in school during the last week of term to bring home on Friday 18th. As last year, please do not place any additions such as sweets or small gifts in the cards. Thank you.

We understand that Christmas cards can be very costly so alternatively you may like to encourage your child to use our Charity card. There will be a charity card available for each class where, for a small donation, your child can write or stick a message to their classmates. Our Charity will be St Catherine's Hospice.

### **Christmas dinner and party lunch**

We will be having the following menus for our Christmas dinner and Christmas party lunch. Please follow the link below to select your child's dinner choices for these meals using Google forms. This is our first time using Google forms and we would appreciate any feedback you have on the process. If you have any problems accessing the form please let Kelly know in the office. The cost of these meals is £2.40 per meal for Juniors and they will be invoiced at the end of the month.

### **Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December**

Turkey, sausages, stuffing roast potatoes, sprouts peas, carrots and gravy  
Snowman ice cream

## **Party Lunch - Friday 18th December**

Sandwich selection, vegetable crudites, crisps, sausage roll/pizza  
Crispy cake

Google form link - [Dinner choices form](#) Please return your child's choices by Wednesday 9th December. Thankyou.

## **New Play Equipment**

We are very excited that the installation of our new play equipment has begun today and is expected to continue into the first part of next week. Our play project has been generously funded by the Peter Sowerby Foundation. Our train is being replaced by a Noah's Ark and a tractor, we are also having a small sandpit, stage and seating area. We are looking forward to seeing the finished results. Please bear with us if there is some disruption with additional vehicles during this time.

## **Snow Policy**

In view of the changing weather, please find the link to our current snow policy [HERE](#). Hopefully we will make it to the end of term without any!

## **Remote Education Policy and Parent Guidance**

Please find a link to our new [Remote Learning Policy](#) and a helpful step by step [Guide for Parents](#). We will be sending the children home with their Google Classroom logins at the end of term to ensure that we are well prepared in January if for any reason school is not able to open after the Christmas Holidays, due to such as Covid or Weather!

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Next Friday 11th December will be Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. For a small donation your child may wear their Christmas jumper to school that day! Donations can be left in the containers at each gate on arrival at school, thank you.

## **Healthy Snacks and Lunch Boxes**

Please can we remind all parents that we have a healthy snacks policy in our school. We have noticed a significant number of children bringing chocolate and sweets for their snack or in their lunchboxes. These items are discouraged and we respectfully request that these items are not brought into school. Please find a link for [Healthy Packed Lunch and Snack Advice](#).

Please do remember that you are able to order Milk for your child at breaktime and we also encourage children to bring their own healthy snacks to eat at that time. For most of our children it is a long time from breakfast time to lunchtime and we find that they are able to concentrate and learn better with a mid-morning snack and drink. We suggest snacks such as fruit (dried or fresh), crackers and cheese, potato snacks or a sandwich. We ask that you do not send sweets or chocolate biscuits. Most children also bring a plastic bottle, or carton, containing fruit juice or water. We ask that you do not send fizzy drinks, glass bottles or cans. Thank you.

### **Christingle**

If you usually attend a local Christingle service you may like to take part in the National Christingle Service, Please find the link to register your interest [HERE](#)

### **Food Bank**

Thank you for the continued donations to our foodbank collection point. The food bank are particularly grateful for donations in the run up to the Christmas Holidays.

I will be working at Egton School next week and look forward to catching up with you all then.

Have a lovely weekend,

Liz