

Thursday December 3rd 2020

Dear Parents,

Christmas Performance

The children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to bring in either a Winter/Christmas hat or festive hairband, festive bobble etc. to wear when they are being filmed singing their carols and songs. Year 1 and Year 4 will need to bring theirs on Tuesday December 8th, and Years 2, 3 5 and 6 will need to bring theirs on Wednesday December 9th. Nursery and Reception class do not need anything as they will be using costumes which we have in school.

Primary Assessment/National Tests

- We have been informed today that Y6 KS2 SATS will go ahead in reading and mathematics, with teacher assessment of writing as normal. The spelling, grammar and punctuation test will be non-statutory so it does not have to be administered in 2021.
- The multiplication test in Y4 will be non-statutory so it does not have to be administered by schools in 2021.
- KS1/Y2 assessment in reading, writing and mathematics will be by teacher assessment only, so any tests used to inform teacher assessment at KS1 will be non-statutory and no new tests will be made for 2021.
- Year 1 phonics screening test will go ahead in June 2021 (Year 1 parents will receive information separately about this test).

Christmas Parties and Celebrations

This year is very different but you can be assured that we will be making sure that the children enjoy their usual Christmas treats and parties albeit in an adapted way. Some pupils have already said that they prefer the idea of having their own 'class party' rather than sharing with another year group. We will be having our traditional Christmas quiz and singing of the Twelve Days of Christmas in classrooms rather than in the hall this year, the children can tell you about it! When things return to normal, as we now can hope they will, we can evaluate what changes have been made for the better.

End of Term

For the last few years we have finished school at lunchtime on the last day in keeping with St. Wilfrid's College, our feeder secondary school. This year has been slightly different so we are giving you the option to collect your child as follows on the last day of term, Friday 18th December:

The children will all have their lunch and be dismissed at the same time intervals but two hours earlier i.e.

- Nursery- 12.40-.50
- Reception- 1.15-1.25
- Year 1 and Year 2 – 1.25-1.35
- Year 3 and Year 4 -1.15-1.25
- Year 5 and Year 6- 1.05-1.15

Siblings can be collected with the earliest finishing year group as normal e.g. a Year 5 child with a sibling in Year 1- both children will be collected at 1.05-1.15.

The other option is to collect your child at the normal time.

Best wishes,

N. Park
Headteacher