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Dear Parents and Carers,



Christmas 2020

We can't quite believe we are saying it but Christmas is almost upon us, after what can only be described as a very unusual and challenging year. Although we are still living within many restrictions and constraints at school and in our daily lives, we really want to make sure that the children have a wonderful Christmas at school.

Whilst we will obviously have to do this within the limitations of our risk assessments, and all events will have to be very carefully thought through, we have tried to ensure we still have a range of fun activities for the children to take part in.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to hold any productions for years one – year six. This is due to only one year group being able to practise in the hall due to the amount of cleaning we have to do after each class or group has used a shared space. Therefore, instead of our usual productions and services, each class will be holding a small Christmas Market to celebrate 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. Children will make items to do with Christmas or their topic and parents/carers will be invited to their child's class market at 2:15pm on a specific day where they will be able to buy items that their children have made. All money raised from the markets will be donated to charity; of which there are so many to choose from this year.

Due to the fact that a Reception Nativity is a once in a lifetime memory for parents/carers, we will be holding a Reception Nativity, this however will only be able to be viewed via Zoom. We did consider doing an outdoor performance, but the logistics and hoping for good weather was too much of a risk. Unlike, other years though, this does mean that as many tickets as you want will be available.

We know at this time of year class reps start to organise collections for the school staff by way of saying 'thank you' to the teams that work with your children. Whilst these are very appreciated by the staff, we have unanimously agreed that we have been exceptionally fortunate as a profession this year and we have had the added bonus of being able to come to work with your children, even during this second Lockdown. We recognise that many of you have not been as lucky as us, and have either had to work from home, or had your lives turned upside down by a change in your personal circumstances, therefore, our suggestion is that any money collected for staff is donated to charity instead. Please do not feel that the staff are not very grateful for your kind thoughts, but we have been so lucky in being paid and having job security in a time of great uncertainty for most. We feel that there are definitely worthier causes this year that would greatly benefit from your generosity. If, however, you still would like to give your gifts to the staff, that, of course will be fine, but we just wanted to make our thoughts known to you with enough time for you to organise any monies already collected.

Please find a list of Christmas activities below that we will be holding at school. Due to the National and Local restrictions being subject to change due to guidance from the government, **we will only be able to confirm, give full details and dates after the National Lockdown is lifted on 2 December.**

Best Wishes,

The Farnborough Team



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Christmas 2020 at Farnborough Primary School

<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Cards Monday 30 November</p> 	<p>A whole school post box will be available for Christmas cards. We will put a post box up at the top of the gates on Monday – Wednesdays and quarantine them for two days. Year six children will distribute cards to the children on a Friday after the quarantine period. All children will be able to bring their cards home on the following Monday.</p>	<p>At drop off in the morning.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Whole School Christmas Market Dates to be issued week commencing 23 November.</p> 	<p>Each Class are going to make items to raise money for charity this year. Each class will set up their class stall by the front gates, within the school car park at 2:15pm, with music, mince pies and hot chocolate for you enjoy. Only 2 parent/carers will be able to come, with time slots allocated. ALL MARKETS WILL BE RISK ASSESSED</p>	<p>Dates and times for each class will be confirmed after 2 December. School Uniform Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Nativity Thursday 10 December</p> 	<p>Reception Christmas Nativity – via Zoom Mrs Holmes will contact parents in due course regarding costumes.</p>	<p>9.30am School Uniform Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Friday 11 December</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch</p> 	<p>Non Uniform Day. If your child usually has PE, please can they wear trainers.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Elf Day Monday 14 December</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Whole School- Elf Day (Children to dress up as elves or anything Christmassy)</p>	<p>All Day Non Uniform Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TTR- Christmas Battle Tuesday 15 December</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Times Table Rockstar Battle</p> 	<p>All Day School Uniform Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Festive Film Day Wednesday 16 December</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Children will have a festive film movie afternoon with 'cinema' style snacks</p> 	<p>School Uniform Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Song Flash Mob Dance Competition Thursday 17 December</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Parents will be invited to watch via Zoom</p> 	<p>Non Uniform Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Parties and Father Christmas Visit Friday 18 December</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">This year we will be asking for a donation of £1 per child, rather than bringing in food this year. This will be collected closer to the time.</p>	<p>Non Uniform Day – party clothes.</p>