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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Christmas Activities in School**

This week the children have decorated our school Christmas tree marking the beginning of Advent. As I'm sure you can imagine, Christmas is an exciting time in primary schools and we hope that, despite continuing to operate in our bubbles, we will enjoy some festive fun together. Some dates to note:

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**- Children are invited to wear something that makes them happy or a Christmas jumper. We will be collecting voluntary donations and any proceeds will be split between the school's PTA fund and Save the Children Charity. Please send donations in an envelope to the school office.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**-Children in EYFS and KS1 will be filming their Christmas nativity. We hope to be able to send a copy home with each child in these year groups, before the end of term, to enjoy with their families

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**- Christmas dinner. Karen and Jane will be serving a delicious Christmas meal on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will be prepared on site and delivered to the children in their classrooms, in individual servings. Karen needs to know numbers by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, to enable correct ordering of supplies. If you would like your child to have a school Christmas lunch, please follow the Google Form link below. Payments, where applicable, can be made in the usual way.

Google Link <https://forms.gle/Z1K7AtXR33rKMDfA>

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**- PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn. Please bring a donation for The coloured hampers on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**- We will be taking the children to St Nicholas's Church for our Christmas Services. We will have three services for each of our bubbles: Reception/Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. Unfortunately, we will only be able to accommodate children and staff this year.

In the final week of term, staff will be organising an afternoon of festive fun for children within their bubbles. Children will not need to bring anything in for these occasions.

**Christmas Cards**- I know that children do enjoy sending Christmas cards to their friends.

As we won't be able to make use of our Christmas postal service this year, we ask that children only bring Christmas cards into school for those within their classes. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause.

### **Ventilation in classrooms**

We continue to keep windows open around school for ventilation purposes. It has been a little chilly on occasions this week so please ensure your child has plenty of thin layers under their uniform to keep them warm. We prefer to keep their coats to wear at breaktimes.

### **EYFS / KS1 Reading Garden - Extreme Reading Challenge-please help!**

You may have seen that we have a new outdoor reading area under construction in the KS1 playground. As part of this, we would love to share some pictures of the children enjoying their favourite books and we need your help! (Note: These photos will be displayed, unnamed, in the outdoor reading area.)

Where's the strangest place you've ever read a book? What wonderful thing could you do whilst reading your favourite book? Send us a photograph of you reading a book in an unusual position or an unusual place and show everyone how reading can be done anywhere and anytime! So, grab your favourite book, get someone to take a photograph and get caught reading! Do remember to stay safe though – even 'Extreme Reading' is meant to be fun, not dangerous!!

Please e-mail your photograph to Mrs Elliott, marked 'Extreme Reading' and look out for your photo in the new area! We can't wait to see how you get on!!

Send your pictures to: [Tracey.Elliott@dunnington.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Tracey.Elliott@dunnington.yorkschoools.net)

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you very much for helping with the appeal we raised £172.02.

### **WINTERY WEATHER AND PROCEDURE FOR EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

For your information, during wintery weather, we do not anticipate having to close the school. However, should this become necessary at any point, this would be announced on Radio York and would be published on the City of York Council and school website.

Notification would also be sent by e-mail to all parents on the ParentPay system.

Please avoid telephoning the school office, leaving the line free for those who are having difficulty making the journey to work or for the school to make contingency plans should the need arise.

We do allow the children to play out in the snow when the conditions are suitable, but they must have a coat and a change of footwear at school.

### **Safeguarding- Five Minute Reads for Parents**

Please find attached a Five Minute Read on TikTok.

Please note the **minimum age** to have an Instagram account is **13**.

With very best wishes,

Caroline Hancy

Attachments

- Parent Factsheet on TikTok