25th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas ‘Come as you Christmas/Come as you Please’ day

For the past few years at Christmas time, we have organised a Christmas ‘Come as you Please’ day to support families in our own school community. This year, again, we would like to facilitate this.

We will be having a Christmas ‘Come as you please’ day on **Wednesday 8th December** where children and staff can wear something festive if they choose (there will also be a selection of festive items in school that children can borrow if they would like to) or they can wear their own choice of clothes.

This will be a fun day for our children which they will spend doing Christmas activities/crafts whilst enjoying some festive treats in a COVID safe way.

This year again due to COVID and our desire to keep our community safe, we are asking that if you are able, can you please donate money instead of gifts on this day. There is, however, no obligation that you do this and all children we hope will still come to school on this day ‘as they please’ – either Christmas themed or in clothes of their choice.

We will then use all monies to buy shopping vouchers to be donated to families who could perhaps do with a little support at this time. This will be done very discreetly.

Our staff have decided that we will donate gifts for children in our school who may benefit from them this Christmas and we have also made applications to charities who are offering help this Christmas for families who may need this.

We understand that Christmas, even without COVID can be a really difficult time and we would like to help in as many ways as possible.

If you feel you would benefit from a shopping voucher or a gift for your child/children, please either send back the attached slip to school, contact the school office on 435929 or send an email to the school (see address in header), by Friday 3rd December, where this will be handled privately and we will try to accommodate all requests.

We thank you in advance for all support you may be able to give at this time. Please, please also let us know if we can help in any way.

Each class will also be having an ‘Afternoon of Christmas Fun’ with a COVID safe visit from either Santa/Santa’s Elf included. Each child will receive a small gift. Children with their teachers will decide how they spend this afternoon. They may have a party in their classroom, they may watch a pantomime or movie, they may have an outside time playing games and having fun and they will all be provided with a snack and drink. More information will be provided by Friday 3rd December – dates etc.

We absolutely want each and every one of the children in our school to enjoy Christmas in school this term. We again believe it is the right thing to pull out all of the stops to have them enjoy time with each other. We hope you all agree that this time will be well spent.

Our children have been fantastic since they came back in August. We are proud of them all. We are also thankful to all of you, for your continuing support for your child/children and also for our whole school community with your efforts to follow government guidance to keep us all safe.

We hope that you all, when it comes, have a safe, healthy and happy festive season.

Kindest regards

Sharon McQuillan – Head Teacher

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Please tick the relevant box if you would like to receive from the school. You can tick both boxes.

A shopping voucher A child’s/children’s gift/s

Child’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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