



Benchill Primary School

Christmas Activities



4th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Christmas is fast approaching and at Benchill Primary School we are planning to have another busy and exciting time whilst remaining Covid secure and minimising risks.

This newsletter aims to provide you with more information about all of our events running up to Christmas.

As a school community, we have all worked so hard to try and reduce the spread of Covid-19. As we get closer to Christmas, please remember to keep following all Government guidance on keeping Covid safe.

We know it would be really hard if any of our children, staff and their families had to self-isolate over the Christmas period. Please stay safe – wear a face mask, wash hands and keep 2m apart.

Best wishes,

Mrs Eken

Christmas cards and Gifts

We know that the children will want to send cards to their friends and members of staff. If your child wishes to send a card to friends or staff, please bring cards in between Monday 7th December and Friday 11th December. The cards will then be quarantined and given out on Tuesday 15th December.

If you are wanting to bring a gift in for staff, this would also need to be in school by Friday 11th December to allow for it to be quarantined.

Any cards and gifts that arrive after this date, will NOT be accepted.

Any gifts that staff give out will have been quarantined before.



Benchill Primary Food Drive

This year has been such a difficult time for everyone, but we know that for some families in our Benchill community, it has been particularly hard.

To show our support for our local foodbank, we are holding a 'Food Drive' from Monday 7th December – Friday 11th December.

This means that you can bring your food donations in all through the week and we have linked this to our Christmas Jumper Day.

Items that can be donated include:-

tins/ packets/ boxes/ toiletries/ Christmas items

No fresh items can be accepted and with it being Christmas, there is always a need for special Christmas items e.g Christmas pudding/ Christmas chocolate/ Christmas dinner items that are tinned or packaged.

All items need to be brought in by Friday 11th December so we can quarantine them before they are collected.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on Friday 11th December.

As it is our 'Benchill Food Drive' week, instead of asking for a monetary donation, we are asking for a donation of food that can be added to our collection to give to our local foodbank.

If your child does not want to take part, then they will be expected to be in their school uniform.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be on Thursday 10th December.

If your child already has a school dinner – this includes children who are Free School Meals, Universal Free School Meals (Reception – Yr2) and whose parents pay for school dinners, they will automatically receive a Christmas dinner.

If your child is on packed lunches and would like a Christmas dinner, you can pay for this through Parent Pay at a cost of £2.25. **This must be done by Tuesday 8th December.**

If you have any questions about this or need any help setting up payment, please contact the school office on Tel: 01619983075



Christmas Party Day/ Last Day of School

Friday 18th December is our last day in school as well as Party Day.

The children can come to school in their party clothes, at the normal time 8.40am – 9am and then the party will official start at 11am.

Due to Covid, we have had to make a few small changes to ensure we are reducing risks and keeping safe but we are confident that day will still be as magical, even with our Covid measures in place.

School closes at 12.30pm and the staggered collection times are still in place –

A – K – 12.30pm – 12.45pm

L – Z – 12.45pm – 1.00pm



Christmas Carol Concerts

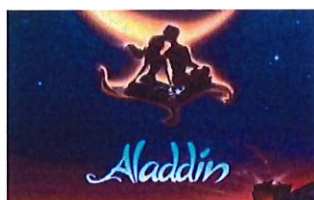
Due to needing to keep Covid safe and secure, one of the things we are not able to do this year is invite our wonderful parents/ carers into school to watch your children's amazing performances.

However, we have been working hard to find the best way to be able to share this special event and we are going to be recording the performances that will be shared with our families, on Google Classroom.

The children are being asked to wear something Christmassy on the day of their recording –

Friday 11th December (which is also Christmas Jumper Day)
– Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be recorded
Tuesday 15th December – Years 3 – 6 will be recorded.

Pantomime



This year, the children are going to enjoy a live digital recording of 'Aladdin', which promises to be interactive, full of singing and with amazing costumes. This will all happen in their class bubbles on **Monday 7th December 2020**.

KS2 (Years 3 – 6) will watch the performance in the morning and Reception, Years 1 – 2 will watch it in the afternoon. **We are asking for a donation of £1.**

Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 7th December – LADA Productions presents a virtual performance of "Aladdin" (£1 donation)

Monday 7th Dec – Friday 11th December - Benchill Primary Food Drive to support our local foodbank
- All Christmas cards to be brought into school this week

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Dinner day

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Recording of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Carol Concerts

Tuesday 15th December – Recording of Year 3 – 6 Christmas Carols. Children to wear Christmas top/ jumper

Thursday 17th December – Virtual Christmas Carols will be shared on secure forum for a set period of time

Friday 18th December – Christmas Party Day/ School finishes for the Christmas holidays at 12.30pm

School will re-open on Monday 4th January 2021