



Dear Parent/Carer

As we move towards December, I want to update you on events that will take place and where the school stands regarding the current pandemic and the impact it is having on school.

Currently we have Covid cases in Year 1,4 and 5 as well as impacting on staffing. The school continues to function as normally as it can with the staff in school working exceptionally hard to keep the children safe and learning. I also greatly thank you, as parents, for your support in working with us which although is time consuming for all, has stopped the school going to the next step of bubbles and remote learning. I hope that we have now peaked with cases for this term. This will, however, have an affect our Christmas activities.

Tomorrow we will have a non-uniform day with a request of chocolate or a bottle for the Christmas Fayre. The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 3rd December from 3 p.m. onwards in the school car park, please come and support the event. The School Choir will be singing and the PTFA will have a range of stalls for you to enjoy.

At the present time York Class and Southwell Class will do a Nativity Play but it will be available to watch remotely with details to be confirmed. The rest of the school will do a TEAMS Christmas Service with parents able to watch live or again it will be recorded and published for you to watch.

The children will take part in Christmas art activities including making tree decorations. These will be displayed on the school Christmas tree in the last two weeks of term. They will also watch an online Pantomime and have a Christmas party and dinner.

If you have not already ordered a Christmas dinner the cut-off date for ordering is 9 am Tuesday 7 December. **Our food supplier has stipulated that they cannot accept any late orders.** If you have not ordered hot dinners before, you will need to register for an account with Ideal School Meals. This process may take two to three days. Once registered they will notify you of your account details which will then allow you to access the menu and order. Christmas Dinner for Reception and Yrs 1 and 2 will be on Thursday 16 December and for Years 3,4,5 and 6 on Friday 17 December. A reminder about packed lunches will be sent nearer the time.

As last year we request that **NO** Christmas cards are brought into school again this year. Therefore on Monday 13th December we will have trollies outside for any donations to the Sleaford Food Larder instead of the children sending cards. It is hoped that the money saved from sending cards can be put towards some staple things for the larder such as tins, pasta, cereal, and nappies. All contributions welcome, already the staff have been collecting in school.

Clubs will finish this week apart from Yr5/6 football which will continue for one more week. A new range of clubs will be available at the start of next term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D W Hodgson