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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the second half of Autumn Term and are so excited to be approaching the festive season which is so close to all of our hearts. We realise that this has been an exceptionally tough year for all families and that things will have to be done differently this year. However, we will endeavour to provide the most cheerful and festive environment for your children in the build-up to Christmas.

Dates to remember:

- 4th December – Mufti day – bring chocolates or biscuits donation
- 7th December – All Nativity Costumes sent into school
- 8th December – School Christmas Dinner Day
- 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Charity £1 donation
- 15th December – Christmas Nativity Uploaded to Google Classroom
- 17th December – Reception Christmas Party
- 18th December – School Closes at **2pm** for the Christmas Holiday

1) Nativity

We will be having a simplified Nativity that will be performed in our classroom and recorded. It will be uploaded onto Google Classroom on the 15th of December 2020.

We will not be using the hall as we usually do, due to us not going over to the main school building. Please keep this in mind when watching the nativity as it will look very different to previous years. Nonetheless, we are so excited for this special event and the important message it carries for the children and the very reason why we celebrate Christmas. This year more than ever we will focus on resilience, showing kindness and staying positive, as well as finding the positive aspects in the present circumstances.

Nativity Details:

- Your child will be a _____ in the nativity.

Please provide a costume for them to wear. It should include the following:

We completely understand that it is a challenging time for many families. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you are having trouble getting a costume together.

- **Costumes to be handed in to school by the 7th December the latest.**
Please send the costume to school in a **bag that is clearly labelled** with your child's name, as well as labelling all the costume items inside.
We cannot ensure you will receive it back if it is not labelled.
Thank-you for your co-operation in this.

- We will be doing a dress-rehearsal as well as the filmed show.

2) Reception Christmas Party

Every year we always celebrate Christmas time by having a Christmas party. This year we will have ours on the Thursday the 17th December 2020. We will provide all the party food and drinks. Please do not send any food in as we will not be able to use it. Due to Covid-19 and the current regulations we will not have a Father Christmas on site but he will leave a gift for the children and it will be just as exciting as ever.

- Your child may come into school dressed in a Christmas outfit on this day.
- Please send **£2 in an envelope with your child's name** on it to cover the cost of all the party goods. Please send this as soon as possible but no later than the **4th December 2020**.

3) School Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Fair Shop

Our annual **School Christmas Dinner Day is on Tuesday the 8th of December**. If your child normally has a school dinner they will automatically be included. If your child normally has a packed lunch then please let your child's teacher know in writing if they will be having their own lunch or the Christmas dinner that day, so that the kitchen can cater correctly.

We will also be doing our own little '**Christmas fair**' in each class. The children will all have an opportunity to buy festive season 'bits and bobs'. We will send a Christmas fair shopping menu with the cost of each item on Friday so that you will have an idea of what will be sold and can send an appropriate amount to school on the day.

