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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
- 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 charity donation)
- 11th December – Filming Nativity in Morning
- 15th December – Christmas Nativity Uploaded to Google Classroom
- 17th December – Nursery Christmas Party
- 17th December – Last day of term for Nursery **11.45am finish** unless otherwise arranged with Miss Haysom

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) Nursery 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, this is also the last day of Nursery for the term.

Our party will be held in the morning, we would love for the PM children to join us in the AM on this day and finish at 11.45am. If this is not possible, please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Haysom. For our **All Day children, if you would like to finish your day at 11.45am after the Christmas party, please let Miss Haysom know by 15th December.** We will provide all the party food and drinks. Please do not send any food in on this day as we will not be able to use it.

- 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) Christmas Fair Shop

We will also be doing our own little 'Christmas fair' on the 8th December. 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.

