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Dear Parents/Carers,



The Christmas tree is now fully decorated with the children's decorations and we are now putting the finishing touches to the assembly films. Next week will be a busy final week for children and staff in school with all our Christmas events. I thought it would be useful to give you a quick summary of the events below.

Christmas cards

The last day for posting cards in school will be **Monday 14th December**. We will then keep cards in quarantine before sorting them. Children will bring cards home on the last day and open them safely with you at the end of term.

Christmas Play Key Stage 2 filming - Monday 14th December

Thank you for your support with the costumes. Key Stage 1 and EYFS pupils looked lovely when they went up to the village hall on Thursday to film their parts. Unfortunately part of the filming had a technical hitch and so Thomas Hardy had to go back up to the hall today. Key Stage 2 filming is occurring on Monday. Families will be sent links to the play and the Christmas tree assemblies by the end of term which you will be able to access via TEAMS so please make sure you have your child's login details.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Collective Worship with Rev Jo - Wednesday 16th December

Usually we have a Christmas service at Church with Rev Jo in the last week of term. This year Rev Jo will join us for live TEAMS calls to celebrate Christmas with all the class bubbles in their classrooms.

Christmas Lunch will be served in class bubbles on the last Wednesday before the Christmas break. Children might want to bring Christmas hats or antlers and we will play Christmas music while the children have their lunch. The deadline has now passed for ordering lunch for this day and children that have not ordered lunch will need to have a packed lunch provided.

Christmas Jumper Day –Thursday 17th December

Come dressed in your Christmas jumpers or other Christmas type outfits to celebrate the whole school watching the premiere of our Christmas play and donate to your worthy charity. To avoid the school handling unnecessary money if you are able to send a charity contribution to Save the Children or a charity of your choice that would be great.



We have other activities to celebrate with the children including the annual Christmas movie afternoon on Friday and a Santa Dash on a fair weather day next week where the children hunt for clues laid out by Santa to find outside. The children will receive a small gift from Santa and thanks to the PTA for funding the enterprise.

Latest Covid-19 Update

You may have heard in the media that schools can use the 18th December as one of their INSET days due to the need to being on call to support track and trace for 6 days after the end of term for possible Covid cases. We feel that this is too short notice for parents and training plans for INSET are already booked and not easy to change. Therefore we will continue to have our INSET day on Monday 4th January as planned and school will end for pupils at the end of Friday 18th as planned.

The trend of Covid cases is beginning to fall in Dorset over the last two weeks and we all need to continue to support measures within Tier 2 guidelines to ensure this continues. Our efforts will all help ensure we have the Christmas break we all deserve.

Schools have been asked to be contactable leading up to Christmas after we break up on the 18th December as laid out in the latest government advice. Therefore if your child becomes unwell with any Covid symptoms within 48 hours of being at school and then goes on to receive a positive test please ensure you notify us on the school office email – office@broadwindsor.dorset.sch.uk. We will continue to monitor this email account beyond the end of term and news of positive tests may have implications for specific class bubbles. We would obviously hope that this will not be necessary but we must continue to be cautious and keep everyone safe and well for Christmas and beyond.

We are so looking forward to making this last week of term a memorable Christmas week for all our pupils and staff to end a challenging year for us all.

Thank you for your continued support,

Philip Smith
Headteacher

Dates for the diary

Friday 18th December
Monday 4th January 2021
Tuesday 5th January

Last Day of Autumn term
INSET Day – school closed to pupils
School opens for Spring term

