



## CHPS Christmas Letter

Dear Parents and Friends of CHPS,

With December now upon us and only 2 weeks before the end of term (yikes), we are busy making plans so that the children have some fun things to look forward to in the run-up to Christmas! As with everything at the moment, we are having to make some minor adjustments to keep in line with current government guidance, which means a few tweaks here and there but nothing enough to dampen our festive spirits!

Here is a summary of some of the December activities due to take place in the coming weeks:

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

As you know reluctantly, we are not allowing Christmas cards to be sent across the whole school. However, the good news is we have a cunning plan for the pods!

After careful consideration (and a chat with Father Christmas), we have a plan for the safe giving and receiving of Christmas cards and gifts. This will allow both children and teachers to exchange festive goodies in a safe manner. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December the children can bring in cards for their **year group pods only** and gifts for the staff (if they wish). The cards and gifts will then go into a pod quarantine for 72 hours and will be handed out on the last day of term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. **We also ask that the envelopes are tucked in and not licked please.** Teachers will also be bringing the joy of giving this Christmas, so please give the children an extra bag to carry all their festive bits home.

Thank you for the Christmas card designs we've received so far, we would love to see more! Please send all your festive creations to [admin@chjs.net](mailto:admin@chjs.net) by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Here are a few we've received already - [Virtual Christmas Card Gallery](#)

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHES**

**Greenbank – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Rooksdown – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be serving a Christmas lunch this year with a bit of a twist. Greenbank children will be having their lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and Rooksdown children on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (maintaining year group pods of course). Special mention must go out to our Kitchen and Lunchtime teams for making this possible! They have been doing an amazing job this term, not only in providing our fabulous school lunches, but delivering them directly to

classrooms too. Thank you to our Fundraising Friends and Dunelm Basingstoke for contributing to the children's Christmas Crackers - they certainly help the lunch start with a "bang".

### **CHRISTMAS JUMPERS/MUFTI DAYS**

The children will be invited to wear their Christmas/festive jumpers as part of the non-school uniform day on their Christmas dinner days (GB 16<sup>th</sup> & RD 17<sup>th</sup>). We are requesting a £1 donation for this day, with all monies raised being split between the school and the Tesco Chineham Christmas Gift Appeal. We realise this is only a small amount but every donation counts especially in the difficult climate we currently find ourselves in. To reduce covid risks we ask you to please make your donations via Scopay which can be paid in advance. If you wish to contribute more, this is always very welcome. Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Also, on the afternoon of the Christmas lunch day, we will be organising Christmas activities in class which have been chosen by the children during their Student Senate meetings.

### **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES – Year R, 3 & 4**

It is with huge regret, that we are not able to do live performances of the Year R nativity and the Year 3 & 4 Christmas Carols. The teachers and children are working hard to come up with alternative performances that parents in those year groups will still be able to enjoy, by recording the performances in school. The filming will happen next week and secure links will be ready to send out via Class Dojos on the last day of term.

Ho, Ho, Ho!

The CHPS Team

