## Elliston Academy

## Christmas 2021



Dear parents/ carers,

Following on from my letter earlier this week regarding increased safety measures being put in place across school, I wanted to share with you our plans for the festive period. I hope you can understand and support my decision not to go ahead with some events this year to keep everyone as safe as possible. Here's what **will** be happening in school:

**THIS FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER** – **CHOCTASTIC DAY!!** - Pupils can wear own clothes and we are asking everyone to donate <u>one piece of chocolate</u> to school for our upcoming Christmas raffle and events.

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** – Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch – book your child's Christmas lunch on MCAS now. Christmas Jumpers to be worn on this day.

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> & TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** – All reception to Year 6 pupils will be going on a trip to the cinema to see Arthur Christmas or Elf on one of these days. A letter with more details will be coming home shortly.

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – School will be having a very special four-legged visitor to school, with a red flashing nose!

**THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** – The children will have Christmas parties in their class and can wear Christmas jumpers on this day. The school raffle will also be drawn.

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** – School will close on this day at 2.30pm. The Rotary Club's Santa and Sleigh will be in the playground from 2.20pm and children will be able to have their picture taken with Santa.

**<u>RAFFLE</u>** – Although there will be no Christmas Fayre this year, we will still be holding our annual Christmas Raffle. Every ticket you buy helps towards our school funds which the funds activities and trips throughout the year for our pupils. Tickets will be on sale from the office – top prize is £100 with lots of other amazing prizes to be won!

There are however somethings we cannot go ahead with as normal this year, I hope you can all understand we have made this decision to continue to keep everyone safe.

<u>Christmas concerts</u> – unfortunately we won't be holding school performances this year as we do not have the space in school to follow the recommendations around social distancing. I don't feel it is fair to ask all children to have just one adult watching. Hopefully in the new year we will be able to resume class assemblies for you to come and see.

<u>Christmas cards</u> - unfortunately we **cannot allow** children to bring in Christmas cards this year, this is for the safety of all our pupils, their families and staff. We would like to suggest that the children can make ONE card (either in school or at home) that can be displayed on the board in the classroom.

We are mindful that the activities are about taking part, having fun and celebrating the end of term for our children, but if you have any issues with your child taking part in any of the Christmas events please contact the school office.