



Grove Vale Primary School

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Monday 16th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Christmas is fast approaching at the end of this term, we wanted to share details of the festivities planned for Grove Vale so that you can plan ahead. As you will appreciate, due to the current Covid restrictions, sadly we are not able to host many of our usual activities, e.g. PTA Christmas Fayre or the annual Christmas performances. We hope you can see, however, that we have done all we can to maintain as many of the Christmas traditions as possible in school so that the children still have an amazing festive experience. We have added a few more activities to make up for the children missing out on so many parties/social experiences with their friends over lockdown.

In addition to the activities outline, the children will also participate in a Creative Arts day where they will make Christmas cards, calendars and other decorations which support their understanding of Christmas traditions.

Date	Activity	Notes
Tuesday 1st December - Christingle service	The virtual service will be lead by Mrs Connop and each class will make a Christingle as part of the service	
Wednesday 9th December – Christmas panto day	The Night before Christmas play in year group bubbles for R, Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 3 Year 4-6 have Sleeping Beauty panto online	The PFA have kindly funded this event.
Friday 11th December – Xmas dinner and Xmas jumper day	Children’s Christmas Lunch Packed lunch children can book a school lunch for this day if they would like to join in the festivities.	The children can wear Xmas jumpers and their own clothes (sensible shoes)

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Monday 14th December – Christmas craft day	Christmas craft day to make decorations/cards etc	
Tuesday 15th December – Virtual Christmas assembly	The service will be lead by Mrs Connop and will include a selection of carols and Christmas songs, some readings and a short nativity scene.	***deadline for Secret Santa presents in school **
Wednesay 16th December - Christmas movie day and activities	Children can watch a Christmas movie and have a tasty treat like popcorn and hot chocolate to enjoy. The children will then do activities based on the film.	EYFS/Yr 1- Merry Madagascar Year 2-6 – The Golden Compass
Thursday 17th December-Christmas, secret santa and party day.	Children can enjoy parties in their classroom. A slip will be sent home closer to the time requesting an item of pre-packaged food. Secret Santa gift exchange for children.	All children are invited to come dressed in party clothes ready for their parties DJ Dodd will be running the disco in the hall in Year group bubbles.
Friday 18th December – Pupil of the term assembly and toy day	Mrs Connop will lead an online assembly for our pupils of the term.	Children will be able to come to school on the last day in Christmas jumpers and will be able to bring a toy (not electrical or console based)

Year group Christmas

Each year group are going to take part in a Christmas activity to share with parents in December.

Reception

Nursery Rhyme Nativity.

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Year 1-Year 6

Christmas music videos to be shared

Core values

We will be asking to the children to take part in activities to reflect our core values of relationships and valuing ourselves and others. We will be thinking of others less fortunate and will give children opportunities to actively help others. A letter from Miss Klair will detail our plans.

Thank you to the PFA for paying for some of the activities for the children, the children are very grateful for your ongoing support and care.

Thank you for your continued support, it is appreciated. We do understand that times are hard for many people, we are hoping December will be fun and exciting for our children as they deserve a wonderful time.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs A Connop
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