



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Celebrating Christmas at Barrow Hedges**

We want to ensure that after the year we have all had, and because school has been a little different this term, that the children are able to enjoy a range of Christmas activities here at Barrow Hedges. I am writing today to outline the plans we have made to ensure that this special time of year isn't cancelled at school like many other things have sadly had to be!



#### **Nursery Christmas Nativity**

Nursery children will enjoy presenting a simple Nativity to you, along with songs, and this will be shared with parents via Tapestry. Your child will be bringing home a letter tomorrow with further details about what they should wear in school for when we film this.

#### **Reception Christmas Celebration**

Reception children will be sharing some Christmas songs with you via Tapestry. Your child will be bringing home a letter tomorrow with further details of what they should wear in school for when we film this.

#### **Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production**

Key Stage 1 children will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action!' – each class performs a segment of this show, which will be filmed and shared with parents. Your child will be bringing home a letter today with further details of their part, required costume, etc.

#### **Years 3 to 6 Christmas Songs**

Key Stage 2 children will be singing a variety of Christmas songs and carols, including a lovely song written especially for this unprecedented year by our talented Mr Brooker. No costumes are required and we will film each year group and put it together as one film to share with parents.



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## **IMPORTANT – consent for your child to be filmed:**

All parents should have already filled in a form to provide consent for your child's photo to be shared for a variety of different reasons. This consent is obtained when children join the school, but for some older children, this was done more recently when GDPR regulations changed. Since we will be filming our Christmas productions and sharing these with parents, for a child to be included in the filmed production, their parent must have given consent to option one of our form. We are required to treat any non-returns as not giving consent. We have therefore checked our records and will contact those parents who have either not responded or have stated 'no' to double check whether we shouldn't film your child. **If you do not hear from us then please take it that your child WILL be included in any filming of Christmas events.**

## **Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

As per previous correspondence, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who currently have school dinners will be served a Christmas dinner on this day. Children who have packed lunches in these year groups, and children in Years 3 to 6 may also opt to have a Christmas dinner. The deadline for the form to be completed on PMX is 5pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that the children will have their Christmas dinner in the main hall, with separate times for our cohort bubbles.



## **Elf Day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Although it isn't possible for the PTA to run the usual Christmas shopping stalls, we know that the children (and staff!) all enjoy our traditional Elf Day. This is also a good opportunity to top up the PTA funds which of course then support the school. Please be ready to send your child to school dressed as an elf on this day, along with a £1 contribution. Red and green clothing would also suffice and/or a hat or elf ears! There will be various fun activities to enjoy throughout the day. Nearer to the time we will send out further details about different activities that your child might like to enter into.

Children will enjoy some of our usual traditions such as each class making a Christmas Hoop to decorate the hall. These will be going up for the start of December to bring some festive cheer!

And finally, we hope that parents will support the school with two further fundraising initiatives:

## **Tea Towels**

Thank you to the PTA for organising for the children to make tea towels which parents are able to purchase. Don't forget to place your order for tea towels by 12 noon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

We are grateful to the Community Champions for the generous donation of a Christmas food hamper which we are going to raffle. You will be able to inform us of how many tickets you would like (£5 per ticket) via a PMX form and pay via Parent Pay (details to follow). Tickets will be drawn by the Year 6 children at the end of their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The last day to purchase tickets is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Good luck!



Thank you for your continued support and keep safe and well.

Kind regards

*Louise Wood*

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