

Christmas 2020 at Cleddau Reach VC Primary

Monday 30th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to provide further details about the Christmas events taking place in Cleddau Reach over the next three weeks. Although the ways in which schools can celebrate Christmas is restricted because of the COVID pandemic it is important that we safely provide a sense of fun and celebration for all the children within the school. The information below provides a guide to the festive events taking place this year and how you can support and engage with many of them.

Christmas Enterprise Projects

Within each class bubble the children have been working on designing, costing and making different items. These would usually form some of the stalls at our busy and popular Christmas Market however this year class teachers will provide pictures and information about the project undertaken and how it will be possible to purchase the item made by your son /daughter. All funds raised from the class enterprise projects will go towards supporting other class Christmas events and additional resources for each individual class.



Visiting the Virtual Pantomime

To partly compensate for the loss of our usual visit to the Merlin Theatre to enjoy their Christmas pantomime each class will be enjoying a virtual pantomime experience within their class on Tuesday 8th December. On that day, the children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers and hats to get into the festive mood.

School Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch is on Thursday 10th December. Music, crackers, and party hats will be provided for children having a school dinner and also those having a packed lunch. If you would like your son/daughter to have a cooked Christmas lunch please can you inform the school office this week if you have not already returned the slip sent home from school. Payment can be made in the usual way using the Pembrokeshire cashless catering system.

Christmas Cards

If you wish to send in Christmas cards please could this be on Monday 7th December and the cards for your child will be sent home on Friday 11th December.

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Father Christmas Visit

I have been informed that on Monday 14th December Father Christmas is hoping to visit the school in a COVID secure way to deliver a small gift for each of our children. Although in the present circumstances he will not be able to do his usual visit to the classes I am hoping that Father Christmas will have enough time to walk around the outside of the school and wave to the children as he passes their classroom windows.

Class Christmas Parties

Our Class Christmas Party Dates are as follows:

Class 1	Mrs Thomas / Mrs Hughes	Wednesday 16 th December AM and PM
Class 2	Miss Logue	Monday 14 th December PM
Class 3	Miss Eldred	Tuesday 15 th December PM
Class 4	Mrs Evans	Wednesday 16 th December PM
Class 5	Mrs Ellis / Mrs McLoughlin	Monday 14 th December PM
Class 6	Mr Pearson	Tuesday 15 th December PM
Class 7	Mrs James / Mrs McLoughlin	Wednesday 16 th December PM
Class 8	Mrs Woodward	Thursday 17 th December PM

On the day of their Christmas Party children can come to school in party clothes. We would be grateful if you could supply an individual paper plate of food for the party. Please ensure that the plate is named and covered. We would be grateful if the food sent in avoids any nut products since several children within the school have severe nut allergies. School will provide a choice of individual drinks for the party.

Class Christmas Presentations

The school Christmas concerts are usually one of the highlights of our school year, playing to large and enthusiastic audiences. This year is naturally very different because of the current restrictions. However, each class is currently working on a short Christmas presentation which will be filmed and shared digitally with parents. We hope that each presentation will be available by Monday 14th December and provide some much-needed festive cheer. Each class teacher will provide further information on how and when you can access the presentation. We ask that you only share this with family members.

Later in the 2020-2021 school year we hope that it will be possible to invite parents and other family members once again into school to share new 'live' presentations. However, I am confident that given the present circumstances you will enjoy and appreciate the short, filmed presentation by each class.

My thanks again to all our families who have supported their children so well this term and who have also adapted to the different safety measures which have been required to create the safest possible learning environment. I wish you all a healthy and happy Christmas combined with the hope that a sense of normality will return for us all by the spring of 2021.



Yours sincerely,

Nick Groves

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