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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2020

Our Christmas activities will be a little different this year, due to the restrictions placed on the school as a result of COVID-19. However, the children have a lot of fun to look forward to including: Christmas Jumper Day; Santa Dash; Keystage 1, Reception and Pod Nativity; Big Christmas Singalong; Walkabout; Year 5 Panto; Mufti Day and Christmas Dinner. Details of these activities are set out in Mrs Byles' Parentmail sent out yesterday. A further copy is attached to this Newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 4th December

Influenza Vaccinations

Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash

Monday 14th December

Keystage 1, Reception, Pod Nativity

Tuesday 15th December

Big Christmas Singalong

Thursday 17th December

Walkabout

Year 5 Panto

Friday 18th December

Mufti Day

Christmas lunch

Last day of Term 2

Monday 21st December - Friday

1st January

Christmas Break

Monday 4th January

Children return to school

Friday 12th February

Last day of Term 3

Monday 15 February - Friday 19th

February

February Break

Monday 22nd February

Children return to school

Monday 8th March

Reception NHS Vision Screening

Thursday 1st April

Last day of Term 4

Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th

April

Easter (April) Break

Monday 19th April

Children return to school

Monday 3rd May

May Day holiday

Flu Vaccination - Tomorrow - Friday 4th December

The flu vaccinations for all children are due to take place tomorrow, Friday 4th December. Thank you to everyone who returned the consent forms. If you have returned the form and would like to change the status of your consent, this needs to be confirmed in writing and reach the School Office by 9.00am tomorrow morning. Please include your child's name and date of birth.

Venture Christmas Raffle

As mentioned in Mrs Stevens' Parentmail sent out last week, the Ventures shop will be holding a Christmas raffle. Please see attached sheet for further information.

1RN - Outdoor Classroom

1RN will now visit the outdoor classroom on Thursday mornings after playtime. Children should come in to school in their outdoor clothes and bring their uniform with them in a named bag.

1GW - Outdoor Classroom

There will be no more outdoor classroom visits for 1GW this term. They will start again in the New Year.

Change to School Lunch on Wednesday 16th December

Please remember that there will be a change to the school lunch on Wednesday 16th December. The choices on this day will be fish and chips or Quorn nuggets and chips. Please note that the change will not show on Parentpay. Please choose the main or vegetarian option shown for that day if ordering on Parentpay.

Lost Property

We have various unnamed items of lost property. Pictures of the items have been put on the school Facebook page. If you think that any item belongs to your child please let the School Office know. Unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term. Please could we remind parents/carers to ensure that all items of school uniform and personal items brought in to school are named - thank you.

Friday 28th May

Last day of Term 5

Monday 31st May – Friday 4 June

Whitsun (May) Break

Monday 7th June

Children return to school

Friday 23rd July

Last day of Term 6

*Please note there are three
further Staff Training/Inset
Days to be allocated this
academic year*

Early Bird Club Contact

Information

Contact details for Early Bird Club are below. If you would like to book your child into Early Bird Club for the first time, please contact them on the email below. If your child already attends Early Bird Club, please ensure to complete the booking form which will be sent out via Parentmail each Monday.

breakfast@battlelangton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Toy Donations for The Pod

The Pod would be grateful for donations of toys, particularly Small World/Playmobil or similar figures etc. Thank you.

Reminders

Sent home since last Newsletter

All Years- Parentmail letter from Mr Alexander.

All Years - Parentmail re Ventures Christmas Raffle 2020.

All Years - Parentmail re Christmas Activities 2020.

Year 3 - Parentmail re homework.

Reception, Years 1 & 2 - Parentmail re Nativity.

Reception, Years 1, 2 and Pod - The Christmas Story booklet from Churches Together in Battle.

1RN - Parentmail re outdoor classroom.

1GW - Parentmail re outdoor classroom.

Attached to this week's Newsletter

Christmas Activities 2020 information.

Ventures Christmas Raffle 2002 information.

Christmas Activities 2020

Cards

Children can bring cards into school, but only for their year group. So if your child is in Year 4, they will not be able to send a card to a child in Year 3. They are able to send cards to staff across the whole school. We ask that **all cards are in school by Wednesday 16th December**, in order for us to safely distribute them. As normal, we cannot issue class lists for children to use.

Presents

We suggest children share presents between each other outside school. We have been asked if presents for staff can be brought in - that's fine, but please **ensure all staff presents are in school by Wednesday 16th December**.

Fri 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day/Santa Dash

Wear a Christmassy jumper, or wear a normal jumper accessorised with a bit of tinsel - create your own! We ask for a minimum 50p donation for this if you're able to - all money raised going to Save the Children. School uniform trousers/skirt and school shoes should be worn.

On this day, there will also be a Santa Dash - each "bubble" of children will be racing across the school, wearing their Christmassy clobber.

Mon 14th December: Key Stage 1/Reception/POD Nativity

Mr A's highlight of the year will be available to watch on the children's Google Classrooms from this date for two weeks. We normally take a silver collection at these performances. In place of this, we ask that you make a financial or food donation to the Battle Foodbank if you are able. We are happy to take the food/money here at school to pass onto them. Items often in high demand for Foodbanks are UHT milk/tinned vegetables/tinned meat/tinned fish/tinned soup/tea/coffee.

We ask that you please respect the privacy of all the children and leave the video on the "Google Classroom" platform. Please do not share or copy the production.

Tues 15th December: BIG Christmas Singalong

Make sure your child is wrapped up warm for this day. We are hoping to gather together as a socially distanced school on the playgrounds and have a big singalong. If the weather is bad, we'll try again on Wed 16th December.

Thurs 17th December: Walkabout/Year 5 Panto

Make sure your child is wrapped up warm again for this day. Children will be walking around the outside of the school in order to see how the other classrooms have been decorated.

In the afternoon, there will be the premiere of the Year 5 panto. Please pack a very small snack/drink for your child to enjoy while they are watching the show. The show will be posted on Google Classroom for two weeks.

We ask that you please respect the privacy of all the children and leave the video on the "Google Classroom" platform. Please do not share or copy the production.

Fri 18th December: Mufti Day/Christmas Dinner Day

Speaks for itself really! Children do not have to wear school uniform on this day. They will also be served a delicious Christmas lunch if they have already booked one.

VENTURES CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2020

Although we are yet to find a safe way of running our Ventures shop, we still intend to hold our ever-popular Christmas raffle. This year, there will be not one but three stationery hampers. The plan is to have a separate raffle prize in each of the Phases in KS2, and a prize for KS1 and Reception combined (although these will have an additional runner-up prize to make it fair across the school). The hampers will each contain a number of items from the Ventures stock, and other stationery that has been kindly donated by a branch of Poundland in East Sussex. Each hamper will have items to the value of just over £30, many of which could make great stocking fillers - a photo showing many of the items is below.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from next week and cost £1 for two or £2 for a strip of five - there is no restriction on how many tickets you can buy. If you should wish to purchase tickets, please put your money in an envelope with 'Ventures Raffle', your child's name, class and how many tickets you require written clearly on the front. There will be a collection box for envelopes at the main gate each morning. Envelopes will be stored securely and opened after a safe period. Tickets will be distributed and sent home in the same manner.

Over the years, the profits from Ventures have gone to provide a lot of additional extras that the school would struggle to pay for: several hundred pounds worth of books for the school libraries and a substantial contribution to make the school pantomime affordable to parents, to name but a few. In the current climate, we would very much appreciate your support in boosting our funds so that we can continue our good work, and we thank you in advance.

