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Dear Parents/Carers

We can certainly sense the festive season is creeping up on us. The weather forecasters are suggesting the 'white stuff', the Christmas trees are arriving soon and the Christmas Post Box will be opening from Wednesday morning. It's all starting to feel very exciting.

#### School Photographs

Hopefully, you have now received the order forms for the class photographs. Please remember the deadline for ordering photographs with free delivery to school is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. You will still be able to order photographs online after this date, but you will be charged postage.

#### Clothing for PE

Following the recent drop in temperature, we recommend that children bring into school some warmer clothing, for example jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt. Please ensure these items are labelled with your child's name. They will be stored in the children's PE bags. (This is a probably a good point to also provide a reminder about general clothing for the colder weather – warm coat, scarf, gloves, hat.)

#### Christmas Post Box

The post box will appear in our wet area on Wednesday morning. It will cost 5p to post a card. Cards will then be delivered to the classes every afternoon. There is always a lot of excitement when the Christmas Post Office opens and it is a great maths activity for the children. All the children in Y2 will get the opportunity to 'work' in the post office over the next three weeks.

#### Making Afternoon – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

On our making afternoon, the school will be filled with the sound of Christmas music as the children make the decorations for school or for the Christmas trees. We usually mix the classes for this event – but due to current covid restrictions, the children will be doing this activity in their own classes this year.

#### PTFA Film Night – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

I am going to put off the decision about whether the film night will go ahead – until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If we do decide to go ahead, and you would prefer your child not to attend, please be aware that we will offer a refund.

### Christmas Cup Competition - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, each child will be given a plastic cup. We will be asking the children to decorate the cup. They can decorate it with anything - but it must be Christmas linked. They can cut up the cup, make a character - be as creative as they can be. This is only a bit of fun - but there will be a small prize for the three best entries. We will be asking for entries to be in school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December so they can be displayed in the main corridor for the last week of term.

### Christmas Lunch - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, please remember to book the dinner by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This is always another day of great excitement. We provide squash and a cracker for the children. The tables are decorated and staff serve the children their meals while we all enjoy some favourite Christmas songs. No doubt Miss Kay will be wearing a special Christmas outfit - and her Christmassy earrings and I wonder which teacher will show off some of their dance moves! It's usually Mrs Marshall!!

### School Council Christmas Event

The School Council have slightly surprised us this year. It looks as if they have chosen to have some kind of competition, rather than a talent contest. We aren't quite sure of the details yet - but it will happen during the last week of term. I think they are planning to design and decorate biscuits!

### Social Media

We all know what a fantastically useful tool social media can be - but just occasionally it can be forgotten that messages are being posted in a very public way. It has been a stress filled year for many different reasons but as we all look forward to the festive season, let's all try to think before we post - and be kind to each other.

Enjoy the weekend

Stephanie Severn