

30 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Christmas Arrangements and Activities

I cannot believe that we are fast approaching the end of the autumn term already. Due to the COVID restrictions that are currently in place Christmas at Kea is going to look a bit different this year. Staff have been working really hard to come up with different ways of doing the normal Christmas events so that children are able to enjoy and celebrate the lead up to Christmas.

#### **Christmas Trees**

The children have been very excited to see the lovely big Christmas tree arrive in the school hall this week. Each class have their own lovely decorated tree in their classroom. As we cannot hold our usual Christmas tree assembly, that parents are normally invited to, this year each class will have time in the hall to share and hang their decoration on the Christmas tree. A few pictures will be taken by teachers and put on the school website for parents to view.

#### **Christmas Performances**

Each class will be perform sections of the Christmas nativity and these will be brought together on video, one for KS1 (YF, 1 & 2) and one for KS2 (Years 3-6) for parents to view using a secure system. Further information regarding access will be circulated nearer the time.

## **Christmas Cards**

Due to potential cross contamination, this year it is not possible for children to exchange Christmas cards in the usual way. If children would like to send cards to their friends/teachers, we are asking for cards to be brought in to their classrooms by Friday 11 December. Teachers will quarantine them and hand them out to children before the end of term. Any cards brought in after this date will be held over until next term. Please ensure your child does not exchange cards in the playground or on the way to school.

## **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner will go ahead as planned on 16 December 2020 and parents will be able to book and pay (if appropriate) in the normal way.

## **Christmas Parties**

Unfortunately, this year children will not be asked to bring in party food to share on their party day during the last week of term. However, they will still be allowed to wear their normal lovely party clothes. Children will take part in an afternoon of fun and games organised by their teachers. Party dates will be confirmed nearer the time.



# Kea School Friends Non School Uniform Day – Friday 4 December

Do not forget it is non-school uniform day next Friday in exchange for gifts suitable for Kea School Friends Christmas hamper raffle draw on Monday 14 December. Your child will need to take their donation to their class. Please refer to the information that has already been sent out by them.

#### Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11 December

Please remember to encourage your child to join in with the School Council's Christmas jumper day on Friday 11 December to raise money for Save the Children. Please refer to the letter that has already been sent out regarding this event.

## Kea School Friends Wrapping Room

If you have not already managed to do your order for the Kea School Friends Wrapping Room the deadline is today. Again, please refer to the letter sent out from them.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support with all the different routines and arrangements that have been necessary due to the current pandemic. I am really looking forward to the time when we can all return to normal.

Yours sincerely

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