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Dear Parents/Carers;

Christmas is Coming!



I love this time of the year and, although Christmas seems a long way off, it will soon be upon us. We always try to make this season as special as possible for our children and because this has been such a difficult year for us all – this year we want to make Christmastime as sparkly, festive and merry as we possibly can!

As well as recognising and celebrating this important Christian Festival, through the festivities we will also teach children, regardless of their faith, some important traditional Great British Values – those of citizenship, empathy, tolerance, community-spirit, sharing & giving, 'joining in' and 'having fun'. I'm writing to tell you about just some of the lovely activities we've got planned for our children before the end of term.

Christmas Lunch at TVI on Monday 7th December



This year the children will be having a traditional Christmas Lunch at school on Monday 7th December. Violet and her team will be cooking up a delicious roast turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. There will of course be all of the usual other options if your child doesn't want a Christmas lunch.



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

Christmas Fun Days on 9th, 10th and 11th December.



This year we will be holding three socially distanced and Covid secure Christmas Fun Days for the children. In order to ensure that we don't burst any of our bubbles each year group will get their own special Christmas Fun Day on the following dates:

- Wednesday 9th December – Reception Christmas Fun Day
- Thursday 10th December – Year 1 Christmas Fun Day
- Friday 11th December – Year 2 Christmas Fun Day
- Friday 11th December – Nursery Christmas Fun Day (Held in Nursery)



Fun Day is a very special day for the children – my favourite day of the School Calendar. The hall will be transformed into a mini **Christmas Bazaar**, recreating the type of traditional Infant school Christmas celebrations that we as parents grew up with when we were young.



There will be various festive stalls, run by School Staff and Children will have the opportunity to make traditional Christmas decorations that they will then be able to take home with them.



There will also be a 'bring and buy stall' – where children will be able to 'buy back' toy and book donations. (So now is the time for you to start searching your toy cupboards for any suitable unwanted toy donations). All children in attendance will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with Father Christmas, which will be available for you to purchase at a later date for £2.00.

In the afternoon the children will have their fun filled Christmas class parties complete with party food and festive themed party games.

A Fundraising Non-Uniform Day on Friday 27th November

This year, due to Coronavirus, we will not be allowed to accept donations of food into School for the class parties on fun day. However, we don't want the children to miss out. The TVI Christmas parties are one of the highlights of our year and we want to make them as special as possible for our children.

We are therefore holding a fundraising day on Friday 27th November in order to raise money for the children's Christmas parties.

The children can wear their own clothes to school on Friday 27th November for a donation of £1.

All of money raised on this day will be spent on food and fun activities for the children to enjoy.

What you can do to help:



- Please start to bring in any unwanted toys, books, games and presents to school for the 'Fun Day Stall' and drop them into the school office.
- Please send your child in with a donation on our non-uniform fund raising day on Friday 27th November...all money raised on this day will be spent on



making the children's parties and Christmas Fun Days as fun and exciting as possible!

On Your Day:



- Fun Day is a **non-uniform day** and children are allowed to wear their own clothes / party clothes.
- Your child will need some loose change (but no more than £1) in 'small coins' to go shopping with and a **carrier bag with their name on** in order to take home their purchases! Children really enjoy the day and they also gain a valuable insight into the principles of shopping and budgeting – like grown-ups.



Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December

This year we are also going to be supporting 'Save the Children' and participating in 'Christmas Jumper Day'. More information will follow closer to the time but on **Friday 11th December** all children are invited to wear their **Christmas Jumpers** to school in return for a donation of **£1** which we will pass on to this important charity. **Please note that on this day, children who wish to participate should wear their normal uniform but with their Christmas Jumper on top.**



Christmas Concerts

This year we're doing a very different kind of socially distanced Christmas Concert for our parents to enjoy! On Thursday December 17th we will be live streaming via Twitter our **TVI Top of The Pops Christmas Special!** All of the children will be performing their Christmas songs and dances and you will be able to tune in and watch them live @TVInfants!



Dates and Times

- Please note that the last day of term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be on December 18th. School will finish early on that day at the following times:
 - Reception – will finish at 12:05pm
 - Year 1 – will finish at 11:55am
 - Year 2 – will finish at 12:15pm
- The last day of term for Nursery will be on December 17th. The Nursery sessions will begin and end at their normal times on this day.

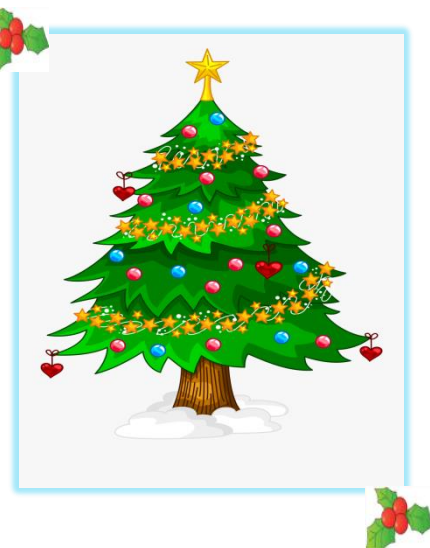


And Finally....Would you like our Christmas Tree?

Every year we buy a beautiful, real Christmas tree for the school hall. It's usually about 10-12ft tall and the children really enjoy decorating it and admiring the sparkly decorations throughout the month of December. This year's tree will be arriving on 20th November.

This year we thought it would be a nice idea to give one of our families the opportunity to take the Christmas tree home with them on the last day of term!

When the tree arrives, we'll send out a form on ParentMail and, if you think that you would like the tree, you will have the opportunity to bid for it. The highest bidder will get to take the tree to take home with them on the last day of term!



Please note that we will not be able to deliver the tree to your home – If you won the bidding, you would have to arrange transportation home for yourself. It will also not include the decorations.

That's it for now. Please keep this letter safe, as it contains lots of important information in it. Learning will take place right up until the end of term – our children still have a lot of catching up to do - but this year, we want to make sure that our children have some very special #makingmemories, to end 2020 on a particularly up-beat note.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Jordan'.

Paul Jordan
Headteacher

