



26th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

CHRISTMAS 2021 AT RICHMOND HILL

We have already let you know that due to the restrictions in place we are unable to hold many of our usual Christmas events in which our school becomes the hub of the community. As we head towards Christmas, we are committed to making sure our school remains the happy, safe place, where every child can thrive whilst planning lots of Christmas activities, treats and fun for our children and community. Therefore, below you'll find an outline of events and activities the children will be involved in, along with dates to enable you to prepare in advance.

Christmas Wonderland (Shhhh) **Wednesday 1st December** - Our fantastic light switch on is scheduled for next week where Richmond Hill will burst into the Christmas spirit. There may be a special visitor on the KS1 yard and some cheeky visitors on KS2!

From **Wednesday 1st December** - We will be holding a daily 10 minute zoom advent opening for our children which will outline the festive activities they will be involved in. These will be revealed on a daily basis, as if opening an advent calendar – so again we don't want to spoil all the surprises that await, but there are some you need to be aware of in advance.

Friday 3rd December – We will be holding a Chocolate Raffle, tickets cost 50p each, proceeds towards school funds. There will be draws in each year group, if your child would like to buy raffle tickets then money can be sent in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and amount on.

Monday 6th December – Name the Reindeer, tickets cost 50p each, proceeds towards school funds.

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day – Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers/t-shirts or non-uniform and donate £1 to the NSPCC. Please send donations in a sealed envelope with child's name/class on.

Santa Dash - Weather permitting, Mr Burke and Mrs Scanlon have organised a separate Santa Dash for each year group (Reception to Y6) with the team from School Games Active Fusion. Children will change into their trainers from their PE kit already in school, but are also invited to wear a Santa hat or other festive headwear.

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas lunch is served to the children, this is open to all children even if your child normally has packed lunches you can choose to book them

a Christmas lunch just for that one day – deadline for booking on Parentpay is Friday 3rd December.

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Party Afternoon – Children can attend school in party dress **all day** to minimise changing, with lots of games and activities. We invite pupils to bring in an individualised box of party treats for their own consumption, but please remember they will have already had lunch. Please ensure your child's name is on the container along with 'Christmas Party'. Sensible footwear with their usual warm coat advised as children will still be going outside for break/lunch time.

Nursery Christmas Parties - Beginning of the week children will have their party in the morning and end of the week children in the afternoon. Children attending all day (30 hrs) will join in with both parties with staff ensuring their party treats are enjoyed across the day without affecting their lunch.

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Pantomime for all year groups.

Please note:- as Reception and Y1 had a visit to the panto booked at an outside venue, they will be enjoying an extra special experience with their panto showing on the big screen in the hall with ice-cream and popcorn.

Friday 17th December – Fun Christmas Games in classrooms will be organised by staff to mark the end of our Christmas activities.

Year Group Christmas Performances, Christmas Readings and Poems from your child's year group will be posted on the website for you to view from Wednesday 15th December (only children with the relevant permissions for photographs/videos authorised by parents on the Arbor Parent Portal will be filmed)

In addition, Christmas cards and gifts are welcomed from Friday 10th December, to be placed in the boxes outside each classroom in the KS1 yard and in the boxes marked for each class on the yard for KS2. They will then be handed out from Monday 13th onwards.

We wish to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Debbie Secker
Principal

