



25th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

CHRISTMAS 2020 AT RICHMOND HILL

As you may have guessed Christmas will look very different at Richmond Hill this year. 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; we will be sure we are Covid-19 safe, but still celebrate. 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) – As this year has been especially hard for everyone we wanted to bring some Christmas cheer to our children and school community by bringing the inside outside. We have worked hard in securing some funding and help from local businesses and the parish council to bring Christmas to the front of Richmond Hill. We don't want to spoil the surprise with too much detail, but watch out for December the 1st.

From **December the 1st** 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.

Tuesday 1st December – There may be a special visitor on the KS1 yard with Mrs Secker and some cheeky visitors on KS2!

Monday 7th December – We will be holding a Chocolate Raffle and a 'Name the Reindeer' raffle. Tickets cost 30p to enter both raffles, proceeds towards school funds. There will be draws in each year group which will take place on Monday 14th December. Similar to when we did the poppy appeal, 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.

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Friday 11th 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.

Monday 14th December – Pupils are invited to make a Festive Hat at home and bring it in to quarantine ready for **Thursday's** Hat Parade and competition. Prizes will be two per year group. The parade for each year group will be put on the website in your child's class area. Please send hats in a bag with name/class on.

Tuesday 15th December – Puppet Panto – Usually we have a visit all the way from America from Marc Griffiths and his popular side kick 'Kevin'. This year as he is not able to get over to England, he's sent a special personalised performance just for Richmond Hill.
Tuesday will also be the day that 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. Further details will be with you shortly. Nursery Christmas Party afternoon for the beginning of week children and 30hrs children.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Party Afternoon – Children can attend school in party dress **all day** to minimise changing. They will be making their own individual decorated place mat and in the afternoon they will be having a tea party, covid safe 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'. Nursery Christmas Party afternoon for the end of the week children and 30hrs children.

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Hat Parade, video will be posted to the website.

Friday 18th December – Non-Uniform Day and Afternoon at the Movies – As games afternoon will not be able to take place this year, we're doing something different, but we'll still be able to have lots of fun!

Nativities, Christmas Readings and Poems from your child's class will be posted on the website for you to view from Tuesday 15th December

In addition, Christmas cards and gifts are welcomed on Friday 11th December, to be placed in the boxes outside each classroom in KS1 and in the boxes marked for each class on the yard for KS2. They will be then handed out (after quarantining) on Monday 14th onwards.

As always, the above plans are subject to change should government guidelines alter. We will keep you updated if there are any changes.

We wish to thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards



Debbie Secker
Principal

