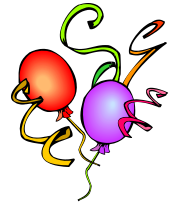




Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

7th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,



Christmas Festivities – December 2021

As we head into the penultimate week of Term 2, we are looking forward to our annual festivities with the children. I'm sure you will appreciate it has been an extremely challenging term given the ongoing pandemic and although we have had to make some adjustments to our Christmas plans we are determined to ensure that we are still able to celebrate this very special period in the Christian calendar with staff, pupils and families alike.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December 2021

We will be joining thousands of children across the country to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December. We would like to invite the children at Spalding Parish Church of England Day School to ditch their school uniform and don their daftest, most wonderful woollies or Christmas themed tops to raise money for Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

It is expected that over 5 million people across the UK will take part in the biggest, silliest Christmas Jumper Day yet. Every jumper really can help save lives. By donating £1 you can help children in desperate need around the world. The money raised could help give a child living in a refugee camp clothes to keep them warm through winter. It could help buy nutritious food and safe drinking water for a family or set up a safe space for children caught up in disaster – giving them the chance to be children again. All the money raised will go to Save the Children, helping to make sure every child, no matter where they are in the world, has essentials like healthcare, education, protection and food and water. I hope you will all join us to 'Help make the world better with a sweater this Christmas Jumper Day' and look forward to sharing our wonderful woollies in the next edition of The Parish Post.

Christmas Carols – Wednesday 15th December 2021

As the vast majority of you will know, our Christmas celebrations including the traditional Key Stage 1 Nativity and the Key Stage 2 Carol Service are very important events within the academic year at Spalding Parish. We were all incredibly disappointed when restrictions last year meant that these could not be considered and were certainly hopeful at the beginning of the academic year that these events would be feasible this year. Unfortunately, as I'm sure you'll appreciate, an awful lot of planning and rehearsing goes into such events and the recent increase in cases locally and within school, both for staff and pupils, has meant that it has not been possible to plan, prepare or present such events this year.



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I know this will be disappointing for many, as a school community we do share in that disappointment. However, we also know what an important time of the year this period is, an opportunity to be able to spend time with families and friends. This is perhaps even more important this year given the restrictions in place last year and we would hate for this time to be spoilt for anyone at this point.

We would still like to mark the festive season so on Wednesday 15th December we would like to invite you to join us for Christmas Carols. This will be held outside on the playground with all Year Groups choosing their favourite carol or song and sharing this with parents and carers. You are of course welcome to join in with the singing and we also hope to be able to provide some festive treats. Gates will open (Back Gate and Cow Path Gate only) at 2.20pm and the singing will commence at 2.25pm. Children may be collected once all Year Groups have finished singing. We hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to sharing a few carols with you all in the countdown to Christmas.

2.25pm School Choir – outside Year 4
2.30pm Year 3 – outside Year 3
2.35pm Year 4 – outside Year 4
2.40pm Year 6 – outside Year 6
2.45pm Year 5 – outside Year 5
2.50pm FS2 – outside EYFS outdoor area
2.55pm Year 2 – outside Year 2
3.00pm Year 1 – outside Year 1 outdoor area

Christmas Raffle – To be drawn on 16th December 2021

On Thursday 16th December, we will be holding our Christmas raffle. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 13th December in classes for 50p each. Any donations of prizes would be greatly received.

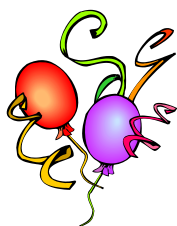
Party Day 'Festive Friday' – 17th December 2021

The Christmas parties for all classes this year will take place on Friday 17th December 2021. Again, given the recent rise in cases, we have made the decision that the parties will be within classes as opposed to Year Groups. We did utilise this approach last year very successfully and would much rather prioritise keeping all as safe as possible heading into the Christmas break. As part of the celebrations, all children can come to school on Friday in their 'party clothes' and do not need to wear school uniform. During the day children will take part in a number of fun activities, and as part of this, individually wrapped prizes will be rewarded. We are also hoping to provide some treats for the children to ensure that they all have a brilliant time and the staff have been working hard on innovative ideas for the parties. The current situation will certainly not stop us celebrating this special time of year and important festival within the Christian calendar.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Stay safe and well and I look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley
Head Teacher



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