

Whitehead Primary School & Nursery Unit

# Friday 04 December

LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

#### **Key Dates in December**

Monday 7 December – Video recording for Christmas Concert

Tuesday 8 December – Video Recording for Carol Service

Wednesday 9 December – Video Recording of Nursery & Y1 for website & Facebook

Friday 11 December – Christmas Dinner Day (New date)

Friday 18 December – Christmas Concert & Carol Service Videos on Seesaw

Tuesday 22 December – Finish at 11.45/12.15 for Christmas (no lunches will be served)

### **Christmas Cards & Presents for Staff**

At the risk of being renamed the Christmas Grinch could I ask that children **don't** swap Christmas cards in school this year for obvious COVID related reasons.

Several parents have asked about whether or not it is okay to send Christmas presents into school for teachers and classroom assistants. While staff do not expect to receive presents I know that some parents have already arranged to buy communal presents and I also appreciate that the children love to bring in presents, therefore I am happy for gifts for staff to be brought into school. Alternatively, if you wish, you could make a donation to 'Angel Wishes' in lieu of presents for staff. Angel Wishes is the charity that is supported at the New Year's Day Dip (which obviously won't be able to take place this year) in memory of Erin Bonar. Donations can be made via their website at <u>www.angelwishes.co.uk</u>

#### **Nursery & Y1 Applications**

Over the next few days we will be recording a few videos in order to promote the school in lieu of Open Night.

The first recording took place today and the second recording will take place on Wednesday 9 December. On Wednesday the recording will focus on Nursery & Y1 and children in these classes should wear school uniform.

The videos will be posted on our website and Facebook page. Please share them with friends and family.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING SENDING YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY OR Y1, OR YOU KNOW OF A FRIEND WHO IS CONSIDERING SENDING THEIR CHILD I AM VERY HAPPY TO CHAT TO PARENTS ON THE PHONE. PLEASE CONTACT MRS LOWRY ON 02893353280 OR AT <u>elowry738@c2kni.net</u> IN ORDER TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR US TO CHAT.

## **Christmas Dinner Day**

Christmas dinner day was planned for Friday 18 December but we are going to move it forward to Friday 11 December. This date will facilitate school better and is **NOT** in anticipation of schools closing early for Christmas. As you will be aware the Executive have stated, **'there are no plans for schools to close early at Christmas'.** 

If you have booked a Christmas dinner on School Money **YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING!** Mrs Lowry will change everyone who is booked for the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Lowry will issue a refund to those who are currently booked for the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any queries, contact Mrs Lowry by email or on the phone.

Please see the school website for an updated dinner menu. Changes will be highlighted in red.

#### **Christmas Concert**

We will be recording our virtual Christmas Concert on Monday 7 December. Children in Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 should wear the bottom half of their school uniform as normal but instead of their school sweatshirt they can wear a Christmas jumper or something 'Christmassy'.

#### **Carol Service**

We will be recording our virtual Carol Service on Tuesday 8 December. Children in Y4, Y5, Y6 & Y7 should wear the bottom half of their school uniform as normal but instead of their school sweatshirt they can wear a Christmas jumper or something 'Christmassy'.

One of our parents Ricky Linton will be recording the Christmas Concert and the Carol Service and we hope to be able to post them on Seesaw on Friday 18 December.