

Dear Parents and Carers,

In these very strange times, we are determined that Christmas at Wooden Hill will be as fun as we can make it. We have put together a plan which we hope will mean that the lead up to Christmas is an even more special and magical time than usual.

#### Pantomime

Children can join us after school for a fantastic pantomime experience with a difference!

We have booked 'Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men' which we will be watching in classrooms as an after school ticketed event. Tickets are available to buy on school gateway [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) for £3.00 per child. The ticket price includes popcorn, sweet treats and a drink. Tickets will need to be purchased by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** so that we can purchase the refreshments. The shows will be from 3.15-4.30 and will be on the following dates:

**Reception-Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 1-Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 2-Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 3-Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 4-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 5-Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

If your child is not joining their class for a panto experience with a difference, the collection window remains the same (2.45pm – 3.15pm). Collection following the pantomime will be from your usual collection point at 4.30pm other than for Beaver Class and Vole Class who must be collected from the front entrance.

#### Father Christmas

Father Christmas will be visiting all classes on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. He will not be able to stop to chat but will be dropping off presents outside each classroom door! The gifts will have been quarantined before being handed out.



#### Christmas Parties

All classes will have a party in their own classroom. There will not be food at these parties but there will be plenty of fun! Children can come to school in party clothes on the day of their party.

**Nursery- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> morning and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> afternoon**  
**Reception- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 1 and Year 2-Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 3- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 4- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 5-Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 6-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

#### Christmas Cards and Presents

As part of our risk assessment, we are trying to limit the amount of movement of belongings between home and school. Because of this, this year we will not be allowing children to bring cards into school to give to each other or to staff. Instead, children will make cards in class to give to the other children in their class. In addition, we request that you do not give staff gifts this Christmas as we would prefer you to make a donation to charity or spend the money on your own families. We very much hope that our risk assessments will allow tokens of appreciation in the summer, if you wanted to do this. As an alternative, staff would very much appreciate a positive email of thanks.



#### Christmas Arts and Crafts

As usual, we will have lots of fun in the last week of term making Christmas decorations and cards. These will be sent home on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

#### Christmas Dinner

Our fantastic new caterers, Harrisons, are planning on putting on a wonderful Christmas dinner for children to enjoy with their class mates. This will be the same price as a normal school dinner and is booked in the usual way. To make it extra special for the children, the school will purchase crackers and drinks and the pods will be decorated for the festivities. This feast is taking place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Children are able to come to school in their own clothes on that day and can wear a Christmas jumper or something festive if they would like to. Bookings for Christmas dinners must be made by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Christmas dinner is only for children in Reception to Year 6.



#### Christmas Carols and Production

This year, we will be doing our 'Carols on the Astro' as 'Carols from the Classroom'! Each class will be recording a Christmas song which will be shared on the website on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Look out for Year 2 who are going to be doing something a bit special!

The school community will also be working together on a special project which we will also share with you on the same day. Watch out for a link to this.

All children will feature in these films. If you **do not** wish them to be in the films please opt out by clicking on the gateway link [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** and confirm that you wish your child **not** to be included. Due to the special nature of Year two's project, an earlier deadline of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is needed if you **do not** wish for your child to be included.

Christmas Auction

We all love a raffle at Christmas! As we are not able to raise any much needed funds this year through a Christmas Fair, we are going to replace the traditional raffle this year with an online auction. Each class has been allocated a colour (see below). We would like each child to bring in an item that is that colour for a class colour hamper. It can be absolutely anything as long as it is the class colour! The items need to be in school by **Friday 4th December**. Our staff will then put the items together as a colour themed hamper and details of these will be shared on **Monday 7th December**. You will then be able to bid for the hampers in a silent auction. This will be online via a link which we will send you when the auction opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The auction will close on **Wednesday 16th December** with the hampers available for collection before the end of term.

- Squirrel-white
- Mole- black
- Vole - green
- Beaver-red
- Otter-blue
- Rabbit-pink
- Deer-purple
- Greenfinch-yellow
- Chaffinch-orange
- Crossbill-grey
- Linnet-silver
- Woodpecker-gold
- Jay-lilac
- Kite-turquoise
- Owl-brown and lime



Thank you for your continued support of the school. We are all looking forward to getting into the festive spirit and making Christmas 2020 one to remember at Wooden Hill School.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lagares and the staff team



# Key Christmas Dates

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year Two deadline to opt <b>out</b> of Christmas filming
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Christmas dinner orders due</b></p> <p><b>Pantomime tickets purchase deadline</b></p> <p><b>Latest date for hamper donations</b></p> <p><b>Deadline to opt out of Christmas filming</b></p>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Auction opens – start bidding!</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Pantomime 3.15pm – 4.30pm (ticket only)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Pantomime 3.15pm – 4.30pm (ticket only)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Pantomime 3.15pm – 4.30pm (ticket only)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>Morning nursery class party</p> <p>Year 2 Pantomime 3.15pm – 4.30pm (ticket only)</p>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Auction ends</b></p> <p><b>‘Carols from the Classroom’ on the website (in class pages)</b></p> <p><b>Wooden Hill’s special project link sent via email</b></p> <p>Years 1, Year 2 and Year 4 class parties (wear party clothes to school)</p> <p>Year 3 Pantomime 3.15pm – 4.30pm (ticket only)</p>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Christmas dinner day (Reception to Year 6) – own clothes</b></p> <p>Afternoon Nursery class party (wear party clothes to school)</p> <p>Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 class parties (wear party clothes to school)</p> <p>Year 4 Pantomime 3.15pm – 4.30pm (ticket only)</p>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Father Christmas visits (whole school)</b></p> <p>Year 5 class parties (wear party clothes to school)</p> <p><b>All arts and crafts to go home</b></p> <p><b>End of term (2.45pm – 3.15pm collection)</b></p>