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Dear Parents,

Staff News

We send congratulations to Miss Pearson and partner Chris on the birth of their little boy earlier this week.

Holly Berries Parental Consultation Appointments

Due to Miss Haynes illness these have been rearranged for Thursday 3rd December at the same times you have been given. If you are unable to make this new date please let us know.

Christmas Activities

We are not able to do our usual Christmas activities this year but we have been planning activities that can take place within our current class bubble structure. From our school funds, which you kindly donate to through purchasing of Cauliflower Cards, School Photographs, clothing collections etc., we have gifted each teacher with a small budget to help make Christmas special for their children this year.

❖ **Christmas Cards**

We are happy to pass Christmas cards between children this year but for the safety of our children, staff and families we ask that all cards arrive in school between Monday 7th December and Friday 11th December. They will be placed in a box and quarantined. Staff will distribute the cards to the children during week commencing Monday 14th December 2020. Please do not bring cards to school after Friday 11th December as we will not be able to distribute them until January.

❖ **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 10th December**

Children have the opportunity to wear their Christmas Jumper into school instead of their school jumper / cardigan. We will ask for a donation of £1.00 which will go towards the Wellfound Charity. Payment can be made through our online payment system www.parentpay.com. Thank you.

❖ **Christmas Parties**

Each class will holding their own class bubble Christmas Party. These will be instead of the PE session that week and party clothes is optional. Staff will provide nibbles and snacks on the party day. The parties will take place on the following days:

Monday 14 th December	Holly Leaves Class
Tuesday 15 th December	Chestnut Class
Wednesday 16 th December	Holly Berries Class
Thursday 17 th December - afternoon	Maple Class
Thursday 17 th December - morning	Pre-School

❖ **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December**

Whilst we cannot all gather together and have a traditional roast meal this year our catering contractor is able to provide a festive packed lunch which will be eaten in our class bubbles. This will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Meals need to be pre-ordered before Friday 4th December. Meals cost £2.32 and must be paid for in advance through our online payment system www.parentpay.com or by paypoint. We are unable to take cash, if paying by paypoint please request a barcoded letter from the school office.

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The Christmas lunch menu consists of:

Turkey Baguette, Sausage Roll, Crudities, Satsuma, Chocolate Brownie

❖ **Christmas Pantomime – Friday 18th December**

The panto has been booked and this year it is coming to us. We will be watching a live performance of Cinderella in our class bubbles. Holly Leaves Class will not be taking part in their usual Forest Schools session so they should wear their school uniform.

❖ **Christingle and Christmas Services**

The children will have the opportunity to learn about and make a Christingle. Rev Mike Barnsley, St Ethelberts vicar and our Chair of Governors, will be hosting a virtual Christingle service.

We will also hold our annual Christmas Service for the children within their class bubbles, unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents to this as some of our children are not allowed to be shown on the internet.

❖ **Rock Steady Concert**

Rock Steady are hoping to record a concert and distribute a link to parents so that they can see what their children get up to in the lessons. This is in the initial planning stage and we will let you know how this will happen when we have more information. We do have a few spaces available in the group if we have any budding rock stars out there.

❖ **Last day of term – Friday 18th December 2020**

School will finish at one hour earlier than normal but keeping to our staggered times:

Maple:	1.50
Chestnut:	2.00
Holly Berries:	2.10
Holly Leaves:	2.20
Pre-School:	1.45

Holiday Requests

Yes I know, we are all desperate for a lovely holiday and we usually start to see the adverts from Boxing Day..... But before you book please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests so any requests submitted will not be authorised.

Term Dates

Term 3	Monday 4 th January 2021 – Friday 12 th February 2021	
Term 4	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021 – Wednesday 31 st March 2021	
Term 5	Monday 19 th April 2021 – Friday 28 th May 2021	
Term 6	Tuesday 8 th June 2021 – Wednesday 21 st July 2021	
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021	
Inset day 3	Monday 22 nd February 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 4	Thursday 1 st April 2021	Staff only to attend
Inset day 5	Monday 7 th June 2021	Staff only to attend



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