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## Christmas Events 2020

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of term I'd like to share with you the Christmas events which will take place in school. Obviously things have to be done differently this year but we still hope to make things special for the children. As parents and carers won't be able to come to watch or take part in the events, class teachers will post photos and videos on ClassDojo so you can see what children have been doing.



### Stockport Music Service 'Can Do Christmas' Performances – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Stockport Music Service has created an innovative project to help children celebrate the joy of Christmas in a Covid-secure way. As singing in groups is discouraged at the moment, our children have been learning Makaton sign language as an alternative to singing. Last month children took part in two virtual sessions with Mrs. Henderson-Wild (Vocal Animator from Stockport Music Service) and they have learnt to sign a set of 5 songs. There are three separate sets of songs; one set for Nursery & Reception, one set for Y1 & Y2 and one set for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6.



All classes are now busy practising the signs in their classrooms, with the help of videos, in preparation for a celebratory performance for each group with children from other Stockport primary schools on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The performances will be streamed live via Google Meet, accompanied by instrumentalists from Stockport Music Service. This will also be an opportunity for the children to listen to and to discover more about the different musical instruments. We thought it would be fun for the children to dress in a winter/ Christmas jumper and maybe a woolly hat for the performance. I am asking class teachers to video the performances to share on ClassDojo and hope you enjoy seeing what we have been doing.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

As in previous years we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. Our School Council is organising this and children and staff are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper on this day and bring a suggested donation of £1 for this important charity. You can find out more information on the following link [Christmas Jumper Day 2020](#)



### FRESH Pantry – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10 – 11 a.m. in the school car park

Heaton Mersey Methodist Church and Heaton Moor United Church have been collecting food to help families of Mersey Vale Primary School through the Christmas school holiday. Everyone is welcome to come along and pick up some goodies including a limited supply of selection boxes. For further information please contact our Learning Mentor, Mrs. Cropper.



### **Nursery Christmas Party – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December a.m.**

All nursery children are invited to come along and join in a range of 'fun and festive' activities, including: stories, dancing, games, party snack time and surprises!

Please note: All nursery children are invited to attend on this date whether or not your child usually attends on a Monday. **Also, there will be no afternoon nursery session on this date.**

### **Christmas Music Performance – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

On the morning of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, children who have brass lessons with Mr. Gosling will be performing a selection of favourite Christmas tunes on the front field area as children arrive at school. We hope everyone enjoys the mini show!



### **Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December our school cooks will be preparing a Christmas dinner of roast chicken, and sausage (Halal and vegetarian options are available), roast potatoes and vegetables for those children who have a school lunch. Reminder: if your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December please let the school office know by 4<sup>th</sup> of December. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 do not have to pay as they have Universal Free School Meals. The cost for children in years 3 to 6 is £2.25, please pay through [Parent Pay](#). Thank you.

### **End of Term Awards Assembly**

During the last week of term we will be holding a virtual end of term awards assembly to recognise and celebrate the achievements of children. Each class will also share something such as performing a dance, poetry or reading the Christmas story to the rest of school. We will put photos or videos along with details of our award winners on ClassDojo.



### **Christmas Parties & Toy Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Your child can wear their choice of clothes on party day and bring a (non-expensive) toy or game to share with others in their class bubble. Our school cooks will provide pizza and vegetarian sausage rolls for those children who have a school lunch. Children who have a packed lunch should bring this as normal and we'd like all children to bring in a few party treats e.g. crisps, cakes, drinks.



In addition to all the events above, class teachers are also planning a variety of other Christmas activities, class assemblies and events and we have a few whole school surprises too.

Finally, we would like to request that children do not send in Christmas cards to give to each other. Our Covid-19 risk assessment prevents us from being able to distribute them from child to child and from class to class. We suggest that the money that would have been spent on cards could be donated to [Save the Children](#) instead. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,



**Mrs. J. Mullane**  
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