



Hovingham & St Hilda's CE (VC)

Primary Schools Federation



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Dear Parents,

We are so looking forward to Christmas in school this year, and we can't wait to celebrate together and enjoy some festive fun! Unfortunately, with COVID cases rising in our area and the new variant identified we are having to approach the season with caution and take into account the regularly changing advice from NYCC and Public Health England to ensure that we keep everyone safe.

Christmas Performance

Our Christmas Performance is planned for Thursday 9th December, in All Saints Church, Hovingham. We are asking that only immediate family members attend in order to limit numbers in the church, to aid distancing and ventilation. We will provide a hand sanitising station and would ask parents to wear masks. We would also politely request that parents take a lateral flow test before attending, to help us keep our children, staff and families safe. Please can all children arrive at Church (in their costume, these will be sent home) by 5:45pm

School Panto Trip

Unfortunately, taking all current guidance into consideration we will not be going to the Pantomime this year, but have bought a licence to show an alternative production in school, which we hope everyone will enjoy.

Christingle Service

We will not be holding a joint Christingle Service with St Hilda's this year but will celebrate Christingle, as a school, at our regular weekly Church service on Thursday 16th December. Unfortunately, we will not be inviting parents to this service.

Christmas Dinner

The school Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 15th December and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or hat if they have one, it's by no means essential so please don't buy anything especially.

Christmas Cards

Pupils are welcome to bring Christmas cards into school if they wish to do so, but please can they be brought in no later than Monday 13th December. Each class will have a lidded box where the cards will then be left to quarantine until Friday 17th December when they will be distributed.

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Whilst this is not the “normal” School Christmas we had all hoped for, we hope that you understand the changes we have had to make and will continue to support us, as you have done, to ensure our school community stays safe and well. We will of course keep all plans under review and notify you of any necessary changes.

Yours sincerely



James Pynn
Headteacher