

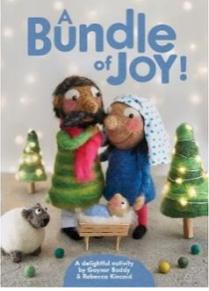


Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School

Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Christmas is such a magical time, full of excitement, sights, smells, sounds and traditions. We remain positive that in these times of challenge the children will experience, as best as we are able, a traditional Lydiard Christmas offer albeit a little differently. Please see the table below for further details.

<p>Week beginning 7th December KS2 Christmas Experience</p>	<p>KS2's journey into a deeper understanding of the nativity, culminating in the KS2 Nativity Trail to celebrate and share their achievements.</p>
<p>Week beginning 14th December KS1 Nativity</p>  <p>Christmas Party, Christmas Meal & Christmas Jumpers</p> 	<p>The KS1/EYFS nativity, 'Bundle of Joy', will now be shared via a link enabling the whole family to watch together without the time restriction of one evening performance. This link will be sent on the afternoon of Monday 14th December to KS1 and EYFS families by ParentMail.</p> <p>Every year group will have experienced a whole school screening providing the opportunity to share the performance together as they would normally do as part of the dress rehearsal.</p> <p>This will be a Buffet Christmas Lunch to coincide with Year Group party celebrations and the traditional wearing of Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 16th December.</p> <p>Children will make their own party hats in school and FOLMs have kindly provided crackers for everyone to enjoy.</p> <p>The Christmas Buffet lunch includes a choice of sandwiches, sausage rolls, crisps, cake and a drink and can be ordered on the day.</p> <p>If you would prefer your child to bring in a packed lunch from home please feel free to include party themed food.</p>

Staff Gifts

There have been many queries sent to the School Office about the giving of presents to staff this year in light of current restrictions. We never expect gifts of any kind and are always very humbled by the generosity shown to us by Lydiard families. The events of this year have helped us to reflect on many things and the recent fundraising for Children in Need inspired us to think about what else our community could achieve together. The fact that many families are facing significant challenges and difficulties due to the restrictions imposed made this collective act even more remarkable.

Therefore, to show our children what we can do for others when we come together, we would like to try something a little different this year. The staff team have nominated a local charity and would be delighted if any families wanting to offer a gift to staff this year do so in the form of a donation in the school's name to Prospect Hospice. This is a cause close to the heart of the school community and in memory of Mrs Lisa Stuckey and the work she did raising money for Lydiard Millicent for many years as a parent and FOLMs member. Staff will also be donating to this charity instead of sending cards to each other.

In the same way that we never expect gifts, a donation is not in any way expected. Staff would still be able to accept gifts should this be a preference for families and these would be stored for 48 hours in school once received to adhere to current safety guidance.

Inspired by our recent fundraising efforts and our 'It Starts with a Seed' project last term, we want to see what we could start and grow together. Prospect Hospice provides care, comfort and confidence to families when they need it the most and we are sure our school family will find great joy in supporting this essential work and living out the value of generosity. The link to our School's Just Giving page can be found below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lydiard-millicent-ce-primary-school>

Christmas Cards

We are requesting that children do not exchange cards in school this year. Instead we will be making class cards.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask by contacting the School Office. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes
Mrs J dos Santos

Head of School