



Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School

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Friday 4th December

Dear Parents/Carers,

You have probably noticed that Christmas has well and truly arrived at Lydiard! The classrooms are looking very festive and EYFS and KS1 are busy preparing for their recording of 'Bundle of Joy'. KS2 are ready for their 'Christmas Experience' next week and I know that many of you are enjoying looking at their Nativity frieze displayed under the shelter at the front of the school.

We also love the addition of our Christmas tree at the front of the school - FOLMS very kindly purchased this from Toomers for us and the KS2 teachers made it look even more beautiful. Toomers have also kindly donated two trees which you can see in the playground area.

I imagine that Year 1 children are feeling especially festive as this week they entered a Christmas card competition set by our catering company, Sodexo. Charlie was the winner and he won a prize for himself and for the rest of the class (these will be delivered later in the term). This is his fabulous winning design.



I have included a reminder of Christmas events below at the end of this letter along with a few updates to hopefully provide some clarity over end of term arrangements.

Last day of term:

I know that the letter from our CEO, Jez Piper, may have caused some confusion and I apologise for that. These letters are Trust-wide and some schools within DBAT have experienced greater disruption to their schools due to the number of children and staff isolating and therefore alternative plans are needed.

For Lydiard, term ends at 1.30pm but to enable a safe pick-up, we will have a pick-up slot from 1.15pm - 1.45pm with children to be collected no later than 1.45pm. Rather than setting new pick-up times just for this day, we hope this will offer families flexibility. As this may mean more parents arriving on site at one time, please move as quickly as you can through the pick-up process. As always, only one adult should be accessing the site per family. **Please note that on this day all children must be collected directly from classrooms by an adult please.**

Nativity:

The KS1/EYFS nativity, 'Bundle of Joy', will be shared via a link enabling the whole family to watch together. Please note that whilst we are still aiming for a release on Monday 14th December, we think we may need a little more time to ensure that we have given our children



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the very best opportunity to be heard and seen on film - the weather has not been kind to us and we don't want the naughty sheep to be frozen sheep! As there isn't a deadline for a live audience, it seems only fair to give the children and staff as much time as we can and I appreciate your patience with this. I will keep you posted.

Fundraising

We are incredibly grateful for the donations we have received in our Christmas fundraising project. Details can be found in last week's Christmas letter or by following the link below.

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

I need to let you know that Mrs dos Santos is taking a leave of absence for the rest of the term. During this time, I will be based at Lydiard for the majority of the time and the team is doing an amazing job with the end of term plans so I have every confidence that we will have a good end to what has been a remarkable term.

I also want to reassure you that as the end of term approaches, we won't be relaxing our high standards around hygiene and safety. Christmas events are risk assessed and planned under the tight guidance we follow day-to-day. Staff are working very hard to ensure that we end the term as safely as possible.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs C Luce

Principal



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| 7th-11th December | KS2 Christmas Experience |
| Date TBC | The KS1/EYFS nativity, 'Bundle of Joy', will now be shared via a link enabling the whole family to watch together. |
| Wednesday 16th Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch Day | This is not a fundraiser, just a non-uniform day with a Christmas theme. You will find a menu below for lunch on this day which can be ordered in the usual way or your child can have a packed lunch from home and this can have a party-theme. Children will then have a Christmas party with activities and games in their classes. |
| Friday 18th | Term ends. 1.15pm-1.45pm pick-up for all classes. |



CHRISTMAS

A healthy school meal is important for children and young people to keep healthy and improve their performance



Christmas Party Box Wednesday 16th December 2020

Choose from

Turkey,
Ham,
Cheese

Sandwich on White or Brown

Mini Sausage Roll
Cocktail Sausages

Tortilla Chips

Apple Cuplet
Or Orange Cuplet

Chocolate Rice Krispy Christmas Pudding
OR
Freshly Cut Fruit Salad

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Tuna
Will still be available

