

Mortimer Primary School

Merry Christmas



18th December 2020



We made it! It's Christmas!

COVID couldn't stop: Christmas Parties, Sending Cards, Christmas Crafts, Magic Andrew, Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumpers, Christmas Performances, Christmas Raffle, Pantomimes and of course a visit from Santa! If you've missed anything, then check out our Website or Facebook group.

We have kept the festive spirit alive in Mortimer as much as we can. We hope that every child has enjoyed this holiday season and is ready to spend time with their family.



Thank you for all of your support this term. Merry Christmas and a happy new year - see you on the 5th Jan!

A word from the Head Teacher - Mrs Cunningham...

After a very difficult Autumn term, I am sure you will agree that a Christmas break with our families is more than needed. Mortimer pupils have shown strength and courage and as a staff we are all in agreement as to the amount of resilience they have shown. A huge thank you to all, for your continuing support and adapting to the changes we have had to make. Your support for our raffle and the various charities we've had was phenomenal. We appreciate that it is difficult when bubbles are asked to isolate and work commitments are affected, but we have pulled together and shown that the Mortimer family is as strong as ever.

Enjoy this very special time with your wonderful children. Watch lots of movies, eat lots of sweets and have a pyjama day.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a much better 2021.

Communication

We have a number of ways to stay up to date. Our website holds key information and you'll also find the latest news. Our Facebook group also holds the latest news and photos from events in school. Letters are sent out as needed but we are trying to limit the number of items sent home. Teachers2Parents is our messaging service for important news but we also add links to the latest news in the noticeboard section. Please do check these mediums before the return in January so you are fully up to date!

School Dates	Open morning of	Close afternoon of
Spring Term	Tue 05 Jan 2021	Fri 12 Feb 2021
	Mon 22 Feb 2021	Thu 01 Apr 2021
Summer Term	Tue 20 Apr 2021	Fri 28 May 2021
	Mon 07 Jun 2021	Fri 23 Jul 2021

Parent Pay

Please don't forget to order and pay for lunches ready for January 2021.

Lunches should be ordered the week before by Wednesday. Lunches can be ordered well in advance rather than each week.

Christmas Parties!

The date is on the calendar, the party clothes are hanging neatly but here's what you need to know:

- Children can go home at lunch time to get ready for their party!
- If pupils will be in school all day, then party clothes should be brought in a named bag. Children will get changed at lunch time.
- Children can bring their own plate of party food, for their own consumption. No food will be shared. The following can be included: sandwich/wrap, crisps, fruit, a sweet item.
- No food to be delivered to school please.
- Juice/water will be provided by the school.
- If children are not going home at lunch time, the plate can be brought on the morning.
- We do ask for a contribution of £1 for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and £2 for all other year groups. Please where possible pay via Parent Pay to help us avoid large amounts of cash coming into school and you will also be able to tell us if your child is going home



Christmas Lunch Wed 9th December

Simply order any of the hot meals on Wednesday 9th December and your child will receive the Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Jumper Day Fri 11th December

Donations of £1 are welcome on Parent Pay where possible.



Christmas Walk Around

Whilst we would love to have you all walking our corridors to see the Christmas crafts and hard work of the children, unfortunately we can't this year.

As a compromise, we will share a virtual walk through with you. Details to follow nearer the time.

Competition Time

We are still going to run our Children's Raffle. This will be held live in school via technology from the hall. Entries will be sold via Parent Pay - £1 a ticket or from the class teacher. The draw will be held in the last week of term. Watch out for more details of prizes.

Our parent hamper is going to be delayed this year and held in the spring term. It might just be the pick me up after Christmas you need!



Thank you for your continuing support during these difficult times.
Please contact us via phone, email or in person if you have any questions.
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