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# Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone for trying to keep to the latest guidance with regard to social distancing - we really do appreciate the effort that everyone is making in helping us to keep our school as safe as possible.

It has been great to see Oak Class back in school today! All the children have tried really hard with their online learning over the past two weeks, so a huge well done to them all.

As we draw near to the end of the term, we have been finalising our plans for Christmas. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter to see all the events that have been planned for the children.

A huge thank you to the HSA for all their support with facilitating Christmas events for the children this year.

*Mrs Budd*

This week is Assessment Week in school. All children in Years 1 to 6 will be taking part in assessments in reading, writing, grammar, punctuation & spelling and mathematics. Children in Reception will be completing their baseline assessments.

Children in Year 2 will also be undertaking a Phonics Screening Check over the next couple of weeks as they were unable to complete this as Year 1 last summer due to a change in the assessment regulations due to Covid-19.

A reminder that Parent Consultations will be taking place in January rather than the end of this term. This is a change to our usual reporting cycle as the children undertook assessments back in September, with Parent Consultations by phone taking place after this assessment period.

If you have any queries on this, then please do contact us here at school.

*Mrs Budd*

**Funky Friday for Blue Bubble:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Children in Blue Bubble are invited to come to school in:

- their own clothes
- wearing jewellery
- with crazy hairstyles
- wearing make-up/nail varnish
- tattoos

Each item donated earns a donation to school (*suggested donation £1 per item*). Proceeds will be going to Hanwood Primary Home-School Association.

**Christmas Lunch:** This will be held on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Please forward any outstanding slips/money to the office as soon as possible.

**Nativity Trail:** The children will be colouring in pictures of scenes from the Nativity story and bringing them home so that you can display them in a window or on a door.

If there are any spare pictures, they will be laminated and put on the railings outside St Thomas' Church. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December, you are invited to walk around the village looking for people's nativity scenes.

There will be a Nativity Trail map which will be available on Facebook.

Mrs Bebb

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**Emergency Closure of School:** If we are forced to close the school due to extreme weather conditions or for any other reason, an announcement will be made on local radio stations.

Information will also be available at:

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures)

# St Thomas and St Anne's Primary School CHRISTMAS EVENTS CALENDAR



## HSA Christmas Hampers

A big thanks to the HSA who are organising the hamper raffle again this year.

We are asking for your kind donations suitable for a hamper eg chocolates, wine, non-perishable Christmas goodies, Christmas decorations.

Your child can bring any donations into their class ASAP with the final date for donations being **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

The HSA will be giving more details of the raffle, including how to buy tickets, soon.

## Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties this year will be held on:  
**Fir/Saplings – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (am)**

**Elm – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (pm)**

**Ash – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (pm)**

**Oak – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (pm)**

Children are welcome to come dressed in their party clothes and stay in them all day to avoid bringing a change of clothes.

Unfortunately this year we will be unable to accept donations of party food but the children will still have plenty of fun and games in their bubbles.

## Christmas Lunch

You should have already had the opportunity to order a Christmas dinner here in school for your child.

As in previous years, we would like to invite the children to wear their Christmas jumper instead of their school sweatshirt on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Pantomime – 'Oh yes we are!'

We are extremely grateful to the HSA this year who have paid for us to watch a pantomime in our class bubbles on the big screen. The HSA have also funded an ice lolly for each child to enjoy during the 'interval'. This will take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Christmas Cards

Children will still be able to send cards to their friends this year, if they would like to. We ask that all cards are posted into the box in each bubble between **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.** These will then be left for a week and given out on the last day of term.