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December 2020 Newsletter 4

Dates for your diary:

10<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas cosy reads

Internet Safety afternoon

11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper day

Santa Dash

18<sup>th</sup> December

Class Christmas parties

Christmas holidays begin

## 12 Days of Christmas

The children will be taking part in a daily activity on the theme of kindness for the last 12 days of school. We are calling this project our 'Twelve Days of Christmas Challenge'.

### Christmas

We have a lot of exciting events planned over the last three weeks of this term, despite COVID! They will be contained within the class bubbles to keep our children as safe as possible.

- Christmas cosy reads, teachers will be reading a Christmas story to a different class on the 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Jumper Day, wear your brightest jumper on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- Santa Dash, classes will be holding races as part of the National school games project
- Making Christingles
- Watching a festive film
- Christmas crafts
- Battle of the Bands, which we hope to make available for parents to watch on Purple Mash
- Zoom Christmas service from St Mary's
- KS1 Christmas Stick Man poem, which we hope to make available for parents to watch on Purple Mash and Evidence Me App.
- Class Christmas parties, children will

be invited to bring their own individual party food on the last day of the term

### Y2 Phonic Tests

Year 2 pupils will be taking the statutory Phonic tests this half term that were postponed during the summer term.

### E-Safety Day

We will be having our second E-Safety afternoon on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Your child will be taking part in activities to look at lifestyles and health issues in connection with the internet.

### Family, Faith and Fun

We would like to say a huge thank you to Heather Waller for organising the Family, Faith and Fun Christmas activity bags. We know a lot of work went into making these bags and Heather recruited a few people to help, and we would like to thank them too. We would also like to thank Rachel Maton for organising and sending Christmas cards and a gold coin to all our children in school.

## Mrs Thompson

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Thompson has given birth to a baby girl. We wish her and her family all the best.

## Wrap up warm

Please ensure children are wrapped up warm now we are moving into winter as we still need to keep our classrooms well ventilated.

## Charities

We have been contacted by a number of local charities who are asking for donations of new toys, so that they can provide families with Christmas presents this year. If you wish to donate, you are welcome to send donations to school.



Thank you  
Cath Thomas  
Headteacher



The Salvation Army on Psalter Lane would like donations of toys, food or toiletries. You can drop donations off there on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December or you can send them into school.



### URGENT CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Christmas is a time for spreading hope and joy, and in 2020 this is more important than ever. Many families in Sheffield are struggling to feed their families, let alone provide gifts and presents, meaning that some are now even more anxious about the pressures of the festive period.

Since the beginning of the Covid crisis, **Mums United** and **JOYBANK** have been collecting and distributing pre-loved toys to families in need, whilst **Sharrow Community Forum** have been providing essential food, toiletries, and household supplies to local families; these organisations are now coming together to further support families in the Sharrow area.

Now in addition to **good quality used toys**, we're appealing for **brand new toys** to help us to guarantee that no child in our community is without something special to open on Christmas Day. We are asking for **unwrapped gifts for children between 5 and 16 years of age** (maybe a gift voucher for teens so parents can choose). No present is too small and all will be greatly appreciated. Donations will be safely quarantined before being gifted to a young person in our community.

Please drop off donations at either of the locations below until 10<sup>th</sup> December;

- Sharrow Old Junior School, South View Road (weekdays 9am - 5pm)
- JOYBANK, 630 Abbeydale Road (Friday and Saturday 12noon – 4pm)

To make a cash donation, please go to [www.mums-united.com](http://www.mums-united.com) and quote 'Xmas 2020' on the donation form.