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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas Plans

Whilst it might be a little early to mention Christmas at Barham, I thought it would be useful for you to have an idea of our plans around Christmas as this year is so different. Please see the table of events planned on the second page of this letter.

With the children already missing out on clubs outside school, parties and other sociable events, we are trying our best to make sure children do not miss out on the usual Christmas traditions in school. We have even added a party this year so children can get dressed up and play some party games.

KS1 Nativity and KS2 Church Service

In the spirit and tradition of all things Christmas at Barham - Owls, Jays and Wrens are extremely excited to be producing a Nativity once again this year. It will be slightly different on this occasion, in that we will not perform to a live audience but we will be reaching you all through the medium of film. KS2 will also take part in a Christmas service at the church with the two bubbles going separately. This will also be filmed. Details of how to view our nativity and church service will follow.

Christmas Cards

Children can still send Christmas cards to anyone in school. There will be a collection station in each class from Monday December 7th which we will be collected on Friday December 11th. The cards will be quarantined for 3 days, then sorted and delivered.

Decorations around School

Classes will decorate their own classes this year instead of the hall but the tree will still be in the hall, along with twinkly lights. In the parent celebration assembly on December 4th, children from each class will show their decorations to the rest of the school.

Lastly, I would like to clarify the point I made about children bringing in items from home. Reading books and reading records should still be brought into school. It is additional books and 'show and tell' items (unless specifically requested by a member of staff) along with stationery we would like to limit for the moment. Apologies for any confusion caused.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

Alison Higgins



This week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 and Year 4 are recording a Christmas carol for the Diocese of Canterbury
Tuesday December 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school will start off the village Advent event as the first 'window' (Details to follow)
Friday December 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration Assembly via Zoom (parents invited) so children are able to show off the Christmas decorations in their classroom
Week beginning: Monday, December 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls, Jays, Wrens to film their Nativity play. We will send a link to the video.
Week beginning: Monday, December 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOBS - Elfridges will happen this week – with presents being quarantined and elves in festive masks! (Details to follow)
Thursday, December 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOBS – Santa run (Details to follow)
Friday, December 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for Christmas cards KS2 Talent Show – the annual talent show will be watched by the rest of the school via Zoom. FOBS Christmas jumper day (Details to follow)
Week beginning Monday, December 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Stage 2 will be leading a Christmas Service in the church. The two bubbles will go up to the church on separate occasions. We will send a link to the video.
Wednesday, December 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Christmas Dinner – the traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings
Wednesday, December 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorstep Carol event for the whole family (Details to follow)
Thursday, December 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Christmas Parties. Children can come to school in party clothes and bring their own special party snacks. Children will have an afternoon of party games and fun.
Friday, December 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas jumper day – children can come to school in a Christmas jumper. Santa's elves will be visiting each class with class presents. School finishes at 2:15 pm.