

Dear Parents

I hope you are all well today - we are in full Pudsy mode here in school (even if we are a day early!)

I wanted to let you know about some virtual coffee mornings that we are planning to hold. We usually have termly coffee mornings, led by Lisa Noice, our Family Liaison Officer, and Di Bosustow, our ELSA. We thought it would be a shame not to be able to do these and so have decided to organise them via Zoom. These are the dates:

- Year 2 - Wednesday 18th November at 9.15am
- Year 1 - Wednesday 25th November at 9.15am
- Year R - Wednesday 2nd December at 9.15 am

All you need to do is click on the link which we will send to you, grab yourself a cup of something hot (it's a bit early for wine!) and settle down. Lisa and Di will share a range of parenting resources but it's also a chance for you to reconnect with other parents in school. This is the invite for the year 2 parents next week:

<https://zoom.us/j/98215291136?pwd=NDc0L0NSUFDhSWXZYMctUc0Q4UT09>

The meeting ID is: 982 1529 1136

The password is: CHISYear2

If this works successfully we will send the Year 1 and Year R links out in due course.

We also wanted to share our plans for Christmas this year - which will of course be like no other. The first thing to share with you is that we have bought the rights to the Pantomime that the Kings Theatre are producing this year. We will be able to show it in school which I'm sure the children will love. We might even provide ice creams for the interval!

Mrs Barty has cleverly written us a 'virtual' nativity. Children will learn songs and perform the Christmas story in their bubbles and it will be filmed. Miss Walters will then cleverly put it all together and we will share this with you - and you can share it with your families. We haven't decided what format to use to share it yet but it will be hard for us to 'police' how far the video is shared. For this reason, if you do NOT wish your child to feature in the film please contact me to opt out and we will find a way to make sure they are included but not filmed.

On Friday 11th December it is Christmas Jumper day. This is also the date of this term's shared birthday party for our autumn birthdays - so the children can wear their own clothes and Christmas jumpers to school that day.

On Monday 14th December we will come off timetable and fully embrace Christmas, making it as much fun for the children as possible! They will make their Christmas decorations on Monday 14th - and be assured that YOU WILL BE MISSED! Our new parents won't know about this annual event when we normally invite you in to make decorations with your child. But hopefully it will happen next year. We didn't want the children to miss out though. Please spare a thought for the staff on that day - if we appear slightly dishevelled and covered in glitter at the end of the day you will know why!!

On Tuesday 15th December the children will be doing their usual Christmas shopping. Huge thanks to CHIPS for organising this, and once again, the staff will be helping with the wrapping. On this day the staff are likely to be covered in Sellotape at the end of the day!

On Thursday 17th December the children will be having their Christmas lunch, in their bubbles, followed by a party in the afternoon. They can wear party clothes to school that day but we won't need donations of party food as they will have had their Christmas lunch.

There will be other things to share I am sure, but these are the main ones and I wanted to make sure you had some notice of these events. We may be having a different Christmas this year but you can be sure that we will make it the best Crofton Hammond Christmas that we can!

Love from Jacky