



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer

I am aware that Christmas is fast approaching and many of you may be becoming anxious about how this will be celebrated in the school this year. Unfortunately, we will be unable to host our usual Infant Nativity and Christmas Service since we need to keep children in their class bubbles/nursery pods and, in line with Scottish Government restrictions, we are still unable to sing in groups.

Christmas Hampers

In light of Covid restrictions and the recent news that South Lanarkshire will be moving to Tier 4 as of this Friday, we have decided to postpone our usual hampers at present. This is something that the Parent Council may then look to pick up again later in the session if things settle down.

Christmas Cards

In light of potential cross contamination, please could we ask that children do not hand out Christmas cards in the playground to their friends. Instead, all Christmas cards should be brought into class and placed in the class postbox where they will be quarantined before distribution. Please note that children should only bring in cards for the children in their own class as we will not be able to distribute cards between different classes this session. Cards can be brought in anytime from **Monday, 7th December** till **Friday, 18th December**. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept cards outwith these dates.

Christmas Presents

At David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class, staff at all levels are extremely grateful and overwhelmed by the generous gifts that we receive from families. This year more than ever, we are aware that many families are finding things extremely difficult. For this reason, we politely ask you to not to send in gifts to school this session and to be kind to those closest to you instead.

Christmas Parties

We are still in the process of finalising arrangements for these, but we are hoping to organise individual parties for each of our classes, including the nursery. Dates for these shall be issued very soon.

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Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on **Wednesday, 16th December**. The choice of meals on this day will be as follows:

Main Meal

Roast turkey (*served with gravy and chipolatas*)

or

Steak pie

or

Vegetarian Roast (*served with Quorn chipolatas and gravy*)

All dishes are served with roast potatoes, carrots and peas

Dessert

Ice cream treat

or

Yoghurt

Please note that there will be no cold snacks available on this day, so if your child is not having a Christmas lunch, he/she should bring in a packed lunch instead. Children are asked to pre-order their lunch, so details on how you can do this will be sent home shortly.

Finally, I appreciate that this not an easy time for anyone, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and patience during the current pandemic. Staff in the school have done an amazing job trying to keep things as 'normal' for children, whilst still complying with the government restrictions. As a staff team, we will continue to do all that we can to keep everyone safe and we will keep you informed about any changes to our practice as and when new guidelines come into force.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Linda Callender
Head Teacher