



Dear Parents/Carers,

The festive season is upon us and although it may be slightly different for us this year as a nation, at Northwood we are doing our best to give our children a sense of normality as we head towards the end of this Autumn Term.

Here are some important dates for your information:

- Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th December: Northwood Christmas Tree Dressing Days.
- Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th December: Year 2 Phonics Screening Check (Government Expectation).
- Friday 11th December: Christmas Dress-up Day (Non Uniform).
- Friday 11th December: Christmas Dinner Day.

School Closes at the end of the school day on Friday 18th December. School Reopens to all pupils on Monday 4th January 2021.

Northwood's Christmas Shows

As a school we believe that shows and performances are a crucial part of our children's overall development and although we can't have parents/carers in school, the staff and children have worked extremely hard to ensure that "the show will go on". Our shows will be added to our YouTube channel with a link sent via Facebook. These will be available in the last week of term. If you haven't done so already, please like our Facebook page via www.facebook.com/northwoodprimary.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Our Key Stage 1 show was such a hit last year we will be performing it again this year, but with a bit of a twist. The children and staff in Year 1 and 2 are delighted to be able to perform 'When Santa Lost his Ho Ho Ho' for you virtually this Christmas. The events of the past year have meant that Santa has lost his 'Ho, Ho, Ho' again. But don't worry, his friends; the elves, the fairy, the puppets, the robins, the crackers and the sprouts are on hand to remind Santa of the true meaning of Christmas...in a socially distanced way of course.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

The children in Key Stage Two will present to you – A Covid Christmas! This light hearted version of the Nativity story mixed with traditional Christmas Carols performed by your children is sure to bring a smile to your faces. We have all found aspects of living through a pandemic tricky, so we aim to sign off 2020 with a cheerful performance to brighten everyone's spirits ahead of the Christmas break.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

Unfortunately, due to a second isolation period for the current reception children, we have had to cancel the Christmas Nativity. The children do not have enough time on return to school to learn all of the songs and narration roles. However, the children will still engage in learning about the Nativity Story and will learn a number of songs. Nursery children will engage in a Christmas Concert and will sing and perform a small number of songs.

Countdown to Christmas Staff Stories

The staff at Northwood wanted to do something special for all of our children and families. We came up with the idea of a 'Countdown to Christmas Day' by sharing a story a day on Facebook. These were so successful during the full lockdown that we have added some Christmas sparkle for you all to enjoy.

Sending Christmas Cards

Bringing Christmas Cards is a tradition the children love and something that we wanted to make sure they could do this year. Each class has a post-box where children can put cards they bring into school each day. The teacher will remove these cards at the end of each day and keep them quarantined for 3 days to minimise any potential risks before the cards are given out.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely break when it finally arrives,

Mrs Beach,
Head Teacher.

