



# Worthington Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is just around the corner and here at Worthington we don't want to let it go unnoticed because of the various restrictions we have in place at the moment.

This letter outlines what we have in store for your children and hopefully for you too.

You have all had a letter from the PTA outlining their plans and now it's time to share with you what we want to do in school.

- I want to start with **Christmas Cards**. Many children love to send cards to their friends and teachers each year. Naturally, this is a lovely thing to do but this year, we don't want children to bring in cards for all their friends. Instead, for those children who like to send cards, we would like them to write just one to the whole class and their teachers/teaching assistants. Then your child's class teacher can put the cards up in the room and read them out to everyone.
- Next, to our **Pantomime**. I have booked an online pantomime this year for all the children to see in their bubbles during the week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. It is Jack and the Beanstalk and you may have seen it advertised on BBC Breakfast last week. The pantomime has been written and directed by Peter Duncan – some of you may remember Peter when he was a Blue Peter presenter. There will be a small charge for this of just £2 per child. This small charge will cover our costs. Children can start bringing in their donation as soon as they wish and give it to their class teacher.
- On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December we have a special assembly event celebrating the Jewish festival of **Hanukkah** for our lower Key Stage Two children and later for our remaining reception children (who will be learning a little more about the Jewish faith in the new year).
- On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, we would like all our children to come to school in their own clothes – this will be our **Christmas Party Day**. Things will have to be a little different this year, but we will be sure to have lots of fun. The PTA are providing a little something in terms of a snack and drink for the children to be had after their lunch. In addition, this is one of the days we will have Christmas Fair games in class for the children during the afternoon.
- Finally, it would not be Christmas without our **Christmas Performances**. I know that for so many, these are the highlights of the year and not to be missed. I was thinking about this the other day and my mind was drawn towards the look in all our eyes, and the warmth in all our hearts when we see our little ones on the stage (especially for the very first time). Covid will not get in the way of this – no way! We just have to do things a little differently, and this is what we intend to do.

Our Early Years and Key Stage One classes are combining forces, as are our Key Stage Two classes to produce two filmed performances. Early Years and Key Stage One classes are performing as separate bubbles and then editing it together into one performance, as are Key Stage Two, who will be performing a carol concert. After editing, we want to use Vimeo to host our performances and you will receive a link to view the end result. Only those with the link will be able to view the performances. Vimeo is used by many other schools to host video performances that are

simply too long to put on their school website. In addition, I do not want to place videos on the website as they might be seen by others outside of our school family. Unlike a school You Tube account, Vimeo does not allow third party advertisements on a video. Vimeo allows us to upload sizeable videos.

We really want to produce a filmed performance for you all but our concern is this:

Quite rightly, we give you the choice of whether you allow your child's image to be used in such circumstances. Quite understandably, we have a number of children for whom we do not have permission to use their picture, either still or moving in anything that could be seen by the wider world.

So that we include as many children as possible in the making of these films, **we will be telephoning** those families who have not previously given permission to consider whether they would be willing to allow permission this one time, with the additional protection this link provides.

If you do not give permission (and we will fully understand and abide by your decision) we will find a way in which your child can take part – perhaps by singing off-camera for example.

Yours



Mr. C. Searle