



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year is going to be very different. Each class will take part in 'covid-friendly' festive performances which will be videoed and posted to you on Class Dojo. It will be great fun for the children and staff alike. The school will be its usual festive self, with exciting things going on this month.



### Calendar

#### INSET days for 2020/2021

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Flu immunisation

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - **Christmas Jumper Day**

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas dinner.

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Last day of term

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - **INSET** day school closure

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan** - First day of Spring Term

### CHRISTMAS POST BOX CANCELLED

The Christmas Post Box has been cancelled this year as this requires an army of children sorting and posting - usually great fun, but due to tight bubbles etc. we have made the decision that it is not such a great idea. If your child wants to still give cards, they can still hand them out personally at the gate



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch will take place on **Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** for **ALL** children.

If your child normally has a **packed lunch and would like to join everyone for a Christmas dinner**, please let the office know by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. For children who still want a packed lunch - that is perfectly fine as we all join in the festivities, all be it in year group bubbles this year.



# HSA HAMPERS

Thank you all so much for your generous donations towards the Christmas hampers. Charlotte Cook (Toby's mum in Elm Class) our HSA chairperson has worked so hard to put the hampers together. Her small dedicated team are great, thank you ladies. HSA would be thrilled with ANY support, even if it is wrapping, sorting raffle tickets, etc. as many hands make light work. Please do contact Charlotte if you have any time at all, this is a busy time for HSA.

The raffle tickets will be coming home soon in bookbags. Please return the stubs and money as soon as possible, or pay with paypal, as outlined on the recent Christmas Raffle poster. These will be collected and sorted in time for a draw and notification before the end of term.

Charlotte, has taken **photos of the items for raffle**. Please take a look at a sample **below**. Definitely worth a ticket. Thank you Nick and Tracey Barber for your amazing technical help too.

Thank you everyone, these prizes come from you all. Great fundraising from all!!



AND MORE.....



## A message from Charlotte, our HSA chair....

Hi everyone,

For obvious reasons we can't have a Christmas Fair this year. Although by no means a replacement, we are going to be producing a little digital catalogue to be sent out to all parents.

For the low cost of £10, you can have a page, with a selection of your products listed, as well as how people can find you to order and where you are on social media. This is a fab way to raise awareness of your business, and give a more pictorial show of what you do!

If you are interested, please pop me an email ([charlotte@mamamakescrafts.com](mailto:charlotte@mamamakescrafts.com)), or send a message to our brand new Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/AltonHSA/>

You can also follow our page for fundraising updates. We have a lot in the pipeline for the new year, and would love to have more of you on board! If you would like to help with fundraising for next term, please give us a shout.

Best Wishes, Charlotte



## Tinned ham / gammon

- Tinned salmon
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing mix
- Gravy granules
- Crackers for cheese/Savoury biscuits
- Crisps / Twiglets etc.
- Chutney
- Chocolate
- Christmas pudding
- Sponge pudding
- Hot chocolate
- Chocolate spread
- Christmas biscuits.



Thank you all so much for our expanding Christmas goodies for Alton Foodbank, they will be delighted.

Great effort by everyone. Still time to add more!! It will make so much difference to those that need it. **Collected on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.**





As per a previous letter, the children will be writing their **Wish for the World** on shiny stars. Please can you bring your £1 donation in on Monday to help raise money for the UNICEF gifts for children. We are proud to support this as a **Rights Respecting School**.



A few big thank you's! So.....



- ✓ for the very hard work Y1 teachers and their team have put in, to ensure all of the children's learning has managed to carry on from home during their isolation period.
- ✓ to our wonderful Y1 parents for such an amazing amount of engagement on Class Dojo.
- ✓ to our fantastic Y2 children who have completed the Y1 Phonics Screening assessments they should have taken last summer term. They are SUPERSTARS and took it all in their stride.....they certainly enjoyed the biscuit treat that went with it! We will send a letter out to all Y2 parents on 4<sup>th</sup> December, to let you know their results.
- ✓ to all Y2 staff for the amazing catch-up that has been happening.
- ✓ for the skill and care from our YR team to ensure your YR children have had the very best start to school, despite missing out on our normal transition.
- ✓ to Charlotte Cook, HSA chair, for the work she has been doing behind the scenes and for setting up our Alton Infant School Community Christmas Catalogue.....as explained above.
- ✓ to the lovely Admin Team, your first port of call for AIS. They have really missed the interaction with parents. They look forward to that face to face contact again.
- ✓ to my Chair of Governors, Allan Coombs, and his great team for their support over the years.
- ✓ **and to Mrs Hayes, the best Deputy a Head could ask for.**

*And finally on a personal note as I retire, I want to say a huge thank you for making this school the best place to work at. You have wonderful children who are kind, thoughtful and great fun to be with. The amazing staff here, make my job so easy, I will miss them all.*

*Have a wonderful Christmas everyone, take care and stay safe!*

*Kind regards*

*Jayne Broach  
Headteacher (for a few more weeks!)*

