



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

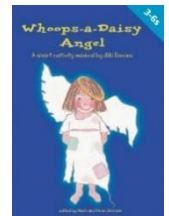
## Christmas Events 2021 - updated

Dear Parents / Carers,

Due to newly released guidance from Public Health North Yorkshire regarding organising activities in school this winter in light of Covid, there are some changes to our forthcoming plans. The changes have been made due to consideration around control measures, numbers of people involved, size of space, duration of activity and type of activity and also transport. The plans affect the School Christmas Fair and the Christingle – these are not cancelled, however the format of both events has changed after reviewing guidance.

Please be mindful that despite the changes made, if cases do arise there would be further action surrounding the events at potentially very short notice.

### Nativity Play – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December



As this event is limited in terms of the number of children involved and the amount of people allowed to attend, this is going ahead as planned with the control measures outlined below.

EYFS and Class 1 are performing 'Whoops a Daisy Angel!' this year.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6pm performance (children to be at school for 5.40pm to get ready)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am performance

**Please can all adults take a lateral flow test prior to the performance and everyone wear face coverings. Adults will be asked to wait outside until near the time of the performance to limit their time in school. Doors will be open throughout so please wear extra layers of clothing.**

Due to the size of the hall, a **maximum of two members** of the family are able to watch each performance. Please let Mrs McBride know how many people are attending which / both performances so that we have a record of who to expect.

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### **Christmas Jumper Day – going ahead – 10<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.



### **DISHFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET**

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – changes to the format**

We are seeking ways in looking at what we can do in a safe way without completely cancelling the event as I know how much hard work has gone into the preparation already and I really appreciate everyone's contributions.

There will be Friends of Dishforth stalls outside in the playground on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December straight after school as well as a Family Hamper which will be raffled.

Class 3 have worked very hard on making games for the Christmas Fair and I am very keen that they get to share them in school with the rest of the children in line with the guidance. Therefore, I will ensure that there will be an opportunity for each class to play these games at a designated time before we break up for Christmas. This will enable us to manage the numbers and space within school alongside ventilation and hand washing.

We are currently liaising with the Elves regarding a visit from Father Christmas.

**Further information will be sent out in due course about the stalls.**

### **Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.



### **School Christingle – service at school not church – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will have our own school led Christingle Service at school with the children as we did last year. After reviewing the guidance this will be for the children only at school.

We will make plans to visit the Church in the spring and summer terms for a variety of reasons and invite families to join us at Services.

### **Break-up for Christmas – early closing – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

I appreciate that needing to review plans can cause disappointment and I hope everyone will understand the challenges that this presents as decisions are never taken lightly. I am very much trying to mitigate the challenges and keep all our plans running in some form.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me either at school, on the phone or email: [admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

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