

# **Outwood Primary Academy Lofthouse Gate**

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### **Christmas Plans**

## Dear families,

As the Christmas period approaches, it is that time of year where the children help to spread some festive cheer! We obviously have to approach this with caution and remain flexible, however, I wanted to write to you to inform you of the potential plans, subject to updates from Public Health.

If the advice allows, throughout December we would like to invite you to watch and enjoy our Christmas performances. This year, performances will be in year groups and not key stages, so numbers can be kept to a minimum. We will be asking all audience members to wear a face covering, if not exempt, and exercise social distancing whilst on the academy site.

We are having to plan for every eventuality. As disappointing as it would be, if the advice remains for additional restrictions, then we will have to make the decision to cancel audiences at these performances. If this is the case, we feel we would be adhering to the advice, with the overall aim of reducing infection rates and giving all of our families the best opportunity to have a safe Christmas break.

I am sure you will have many ideas and opinions of alternative paths we could take for the festivities within school. However, please be assured that all decisions are made with great thought. The academy has needed to be, and will continue to be, extremely adaptable as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. I cannot express how much your support and positivity over the last 18 months has meant.

Please see below the dates for each year group:

# Nursery, RB and RSS:

Monday 6th December 2.30pm (afternoon Nursery children)

Wednesday 8th December 9.30am (morning Nursery children)

### Year I and 2:

Thursday 9th December 9.15am or 2.30pm

# Year 3 and 4:

Friday 10th December 9.15am or 2.30pm

### Year 5 and 6:

Friday 3rd December 9.15am or 2.30pm

Due to the capacity of the hall, we are able to offer a maximum of two tickets per child.

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Tickets are available the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We will release tickets throughout the week to try and reduce queues at the main reception.

Nursery	EYFS	Year I and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
Tickets	Tickets	Tickets released	Tickets released	Tickets released
available	released	from main	from main	from main
directly	from main	reception on	reception on	reception on
from	reception	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Nursery	on Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November	25 <sup>th</sup> November
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Any changes to the above or need to cancel will be communicated with you as soon as possible.

In addition to this, all year classes will have their **Christmas party** in their classroom on the **afternoon of Thursday I6**<sup>th</sup> **December.** Nursery will have two parties – one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** is also our **Christmas Jumper Day.** Everybody is invited to wear their normal uniform with the addition of a festive jumper (or t-shirt).

Our **Christmas dinner day** will be on **Wednesday the I5th of December.** Can we please ask that children have ordered their lunch, using the online system, by the Ist of December. This will allow our catering team to place orders and hopefully avoid any delivery delays. Any child who does not have access to this please contact the office and they will assist you.

Thank you for co-operation,

Mrs L Hadfield

Principal