

1st December 2023

Dear Parents,

Christmas

Yes, it really is that time of year again. All dates and information went out in last week's newsletter but just to remind you of the key information:

- 13th December - Christmas Lunch.
- 19th December - Nativity Service KS2 Hall 9.30am. Door open from 9.15am, please wait in the side (Year 3 and Year 4) playground.
- 19th December - Christmas Parties, (more detail will follow).
- 20th December - Music Concert with our choir and musicians 2pm.
- 22nd December - Christmas Jumper instead of your school jumper day. Still normal uniform worn, except the jumper.
- 22nd December - School finishes at 1.30pm.

The newsletter gave further details about the Nativity Service but just to state again that we cannot admit anybody after 9.29am as all doors will be in use! Also, a reminder that for this event, you will not be able to bring younger siblings and babies. We hope that by giving plenty of notice of this, you will be able to make any arrangements necessary.

Remember that, as well as being emailed, copies of my letters and the newsletters are always posted on our website (News and Events tab, School Letters section).

Our Christmas Elves!

Much to my surprise, we seem to have two visitors in school from the North Pole - Jingle and Jangle the Christmas Elves! Despite doing my best to ensure that they understand Grendon's Goals and behave sensibly while they are with us, I cannot make any promises! They have told me that each afternoon, once children have gone home, they will post a photo on Facebook so that the children can see what they are up to! Please follow us on Facebook and check in each evening to see the latest Elf Update!



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Jingle and Jangle have also set us all a challenge - to be in school every day for the last 3 weeks of term! Everybody who can be in for these last 15 days, starting from Monday 4th December will receive a very special Elf Certificate from Jingle and Jangle.

There is a letter from them attached, which classes have had delivered to them today.

Homework on Teams

Many thanks for supporting your children to access their homework on Teams. We gave plenty of notice of this change (back in October) in both my letter and the newsletter and attached an instruction sheet. Children also had a paper copy of the instructions, to bring home before October half term.

We will also provide a short video and post it on Facebook and our website to support further with this for anybody still having difficulty. Please let class teachers know if you are still having trouble accessing Teams and we can support further.

Road Safety and Parking

Despite my continual pleading, the situation on Grendon Road in the morning and afternoon is not improving. The horn beeping and adults shouting at each other continues to be a daily theme. This is not what we want for your children. This is not how we want them to start and finish their day at school.

I will not list the initiatives we have taken again, as I have done so many times before. This is not something that I can change and improve by myself - I need, and I am asking for your support. Please make some changes to your school journey in order for us all to have a happy, safe and calm start and end to the school day. If you have to drive, simply park a little further away - park and stride. Remember that children can still log their walking journeys and earn their WoW badges by walking even a short distance to school.

Best wishes

Mrs Ridley