

11.12.2020

Dear Parents / Carers

School has been a hive of Christmas fun this week and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their parties, movie afternoon and Christmas crafts.

On Thursday, we had the illustrator, Liz Million, in school working with KS1 on illustrations and from the work I have seen, we have some very talented illustrators in school!

Year 6 also took part in a virtual meeting with Vishal Tripathi as part of our Positive Footsteps curriculum which looks at careers and raising aspirations amongst our young people. Vishi was a successful cricketer but is now studying to be a doctor - the children really enjoyed the meeting and we look forward to taking part in further meetings with other professions.

Elfridges - Tuesday 15th December (Please note new date)

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations for Elfridges. We are continuing to collect donations today but can not accept any further donations after today, to ensure items are quarantined prior to Elfridges.

We would like to change the date to **Tuesday 15th December** to allow EYFS to join in with the festive fun as their isolation period ends at midnight on Monday.

We are not asking for any monetary donations towards Elfridges, our aim is to spread some Christmas cheer in what has been a difficult year!

Christmas Party - Armstrong - Monday 14th December (Please note new date)

Apologies for the change of date but to allow Elfridges to take place we are asking that Armstrong move their party to Monday 14th December. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner - Thursday 17th December

Just a reminder that we will be having our traditional Christmas lunch on Thursday 17th December.

Christmas Jumper Day (non uniform) - Friday 18th December

Please note we will be open as planned

St Cuthbert's Hospice is a charity very close to our hearts and we will be supporting this great cause over the Christmas period. We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for the charity on the last day of term - Friday 18th December. Donations to St Cuthbert's Hospice are welcomed and collection buckets will be placed outside on entry to school.

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Dates for your diary:

Monday 14th December	Armstrong Christmas party (am) Apollo Christmas party
Tuesday 15th December	Elfridges EYFS Christmas party (pm)
Wednesday 16th December	Rainbow Christmas party (am) Galaxy Christmas party (pm) EYFS Forest School as normal.
Thursday 17th December	Christmas dinner EYFS Movie afternoon
Friday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day School closes for Christmas and reopens to pupils Tuesday 5th January 2021

Best wishes

Mrs A Brinton

Head Teacher