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Laurance Haines School

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Christmas at Laurance Haines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of the Christmas festivities have begun at Laurance Haines this week. The children enjoyed 'Deco Day' where they have created decorations, individually and collaboratively, as well as enjoying a daily advent zoom where a Christmas poem has been shared and the school community have danced to festive songs. Despite the obvious challenges and additional safety measures that are in place, we are keen for the end of this term to have some normality for children and staff in the lead up to a well-deserved break. The following information should give you clarity about questions that some parents have started to bring forward to us.

Masks

Every parent/carer on the school site (and ideally, whilst standing in line outside of the school gates) should continue wear a face covering. Even though you are outside, this further protects you, your children and our staff. Masks for staff at the school gate and classroom doors will be mandatory. Please ensure you pass this update on to anyone who manages the school run for your child.

Social Distancing

For those of you dropping off or collecting at your child's classroom door, please ensure you do so at a distance from the staff and other parents. Remain mindful of following the one-way system and keeping your distance from each other.

Cards and Gifts

For parents and children wanting to share Christmas cards with friends, we ask that you follow the measures below to ensure safety for all:

- Cards can only be brought in for other members of the same class
- Cards are only to be brought in during the week of Monday 7th to Friday - 11th December 2020
- Pupils are to post their own cards into their 'class postbox'. Cards are not to be left with the school office or handed to any adult, even if in their class
- On the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December, following on from an appropriate quarantining period, one class adult will distribute all cards from their class postbox to their pupils, having suitably sanitised their hands first. Pupils will be allowed to open them in school (if they wish) and will then bring them home the same day

We are aware that as parents sometimes share gifts with teachers. Whilst this is no expectation, we ask that you also follow the guidelines above to ensure safety for all.

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Christmas Parties

Class teachers will be in contact with parents directly regarding any class parties. We ask that you bring a packaged food item or party bits into school on Friday 11th December so that items can be safely quarantined before the party is held. We are not able to accept homemade snacks or treats during these times.

Christmas Lunch

As you will be aware, we are hosting our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. The children and staff will be enjoying the festivities in the safety of their classrooms and only mixing with other from their bubble. For this day, we also invite the children to wear non-uniform or a Christmas jumper/outfit. To support our PTA, who have not been able to fundraise in the usual ways this term. We ask kindly that each child brings a voluntary contribution of £1.

Thank you to all for your continued support and cooperation. Here's to an enjoyable yet safe end to the school term.

Warm regards,

Sebastian Gray
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