



CRAWLEY RIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this finds you well. We are aware that many local schools have sent children home and we continue to give thanks that we have not been affected yet.

Thank you so much to all of you for wearing face masks whilst on site; we appreciate your co-operation. I am aware, however, of parents gathering at the gates without masks. As Christmas approaches, we are all very anxious to keep the school Covid free, so that we can enjoy the festive season with our families. I would ask, therefore, that you all keep to the rules, socially distance and wear masks in the area of the school and avoid the temptation to let the children mix with children in other year groups outside school. I appreciate that children have siblings in different year groups and schools, but if we can all be sensible now, we can hopefully avoid anyone having to spend Christmas in isolation.

With that in mind, we have decided to postpone our 'Festival of Light' until January or February. Although, we will be outdoors, it would still bring a lot of people together which seems foolish so close to Christmas.

Despite the current restrictions, there have still been many lovely things going on in the school. Our remembrance day celebrations were very special this year with Year 6 making a giant poppy on the field all filmed by a drone. The footage is on our social media accounts – so please search for Crawley Ridge Junior School on Facebook and Twitter to see the images. The Year 5 children also enjoyed a special day when they dressed as Egyptians, mummified fish and re-enacted the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb. In Year 4, the children have been using different kinds of evidence to uncover the history of Camberley and Year 3 can't wait for a zoo to visit them in the next few weeks.

Christmas continues to be an exciting time of the year in a primary school and on Friday we are taking delivery of 5 Christmas Trees; one for each year group and Graitney. These will be paid for from the money raised by last year's Christmas Production and we look forward to seeing them up and decorated. We are also planning to celebrate the festive season in the best way we can, so please add these dates to your diary:

- Friday 4th December – Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper day. Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper over their school uniform and they will then put their PE kits on in the afternoon to take part in the sponsored run for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. More details were sent out earlier this week.
- Friday 11th December – Ms Smart has created a post box for each year group for the children to send Christmas cards to their own year group. The cards need to be in the box to be quarantined before being handed out in the last week of term. Cards arriving after the 11th will be sent home again. Please do not attach chocolate treats to the cards because of allergies and we would prefer envelopes to be tucked in rather than licked.
- Each year group will have the use of the hall to have a Christmas party – Yr 3 Monday 14th December, Yr 5 Tuesday 15th December, Year 4 Wednesday 16th December and Year 6 on Thursday 17th December. The parties will start after lunch and the school will provide a drink and a snack to have at some point in the afternoon. The children may wear party clothes (suitable for outside play please and no football tops), but they do not need to bring additional food.
- Friday 18th December – Christmas Lunch – the children who have hot dinners will be given a party box, so that the whole class can eat together on that day. School finishes at 2pm.

We hope that this will help the children to feel that they have had the opportunity to enjoy this special time of the year despite the restrictions in place.



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As you consider gifts for Christmas, could I please remind you again to be very mindful of on-line safety. If you are buying devices, ensure they have full parental controls and look carefully at the age ratings on games. They are a legal restriction and put there for a reason.

After Christmas, we will be starting on our Outdoor Play project, so if you are clearing out soft toys or 'small world' – toy cars, model figures etc, - we will be collecting them shortly. A further letter will follow.

Stay safe everyone

Yours sincerely,

Sue Knight

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Head Teacher