








SPA ACADEMY ASKERN



Tuesday 1st December

Dear Parent/Carers,



This year, Christmas may look a little different but we are determined to make it a magical time of year for our pupils and want to ensure that we are able to celebrate this with pupils. As we move into December, we would like to remind you of key events throughout the month as well as changes made in light of COVID restrictions.

<p>Tuesday 1st December</p>	<p>Instant Christmas Our school has been decorated for pupils as they arrived at school this morning.</p>
<p>Friday 11th December</p> 	<p>Christmas Jumper Day Wear your Christmas jumper or other festive clothing all day long. There is no cost involved, however if you wish to make a donation to Save the Children this can be done directly at www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th December</p> 	<p>Traditional Christmas Dinner Our kitchen is serving up a traditional Christmas Dinner for all those that choose a school dinner option on this day. If you would like to a Christmas Dinner on this day, please make a payment of £2.50 via ParentMail. A separate order slip will be coming home this week with your child.</p> <p>If your child would like to wear a Christmas hat or headband alongside their usual school uniform, they are very welcome to do so.</p>
<p>Friday 18th December</p>  	<p>Christmas Parties Pupils will spend the afternoon having their annual Christmas Party. Classes will decide what this will look like in school. This is a non-uniform day so please feel free to wear your party clothes/Christmas Jumper for the whole day!</p> <p>As we want to have the traditional 'party atmosphere', school dinner that day will be eaten in the classrooms and will be a selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls, pizza, cakes and other traditional party food. If you would like to order the Christmas party food, please make a payment of £2.50 via ParentMail. A separate order slip will be coming home this week with your child. If your child wishes to bring their own packed lunch they will still be able to join in but eat their own food.</p> <p>End of term - School closes at 3pm on Friday 18th December, reopening on Tuesday 5th January at 8.30am.</p>
<p>Christmas Cards</p> 	<p>Lots of our pupils enjoy giving out cards to others in school. We want to make sure that our pupils have the opportunity to do this, this year. If your child would like to bring in cards for others, these can be brought into school on any Monday in December, can then be kept 'quarantined', in their class Christmas post box, and handed out across school later in the week.</p>



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<p>Christmas Fair</p> 	<p>Our Christmas Fair fundraiser is one of the highlights of our school calendar. Our pupils are working hard in their DT lessons this term to construct some fantastic products.</p> <p>You will receive a letter, later this week, from your child's class to explain exactly what each year group's product is and the small cost – decided by the pupils in each class as part of their enterprise work - to purchase these, should you choose to.</p>
<p>Christmas Hampers</p> 	<p>Doncaster Council will be providing a food hamper for Christmas for children entitled to a free school meal. Vouchers are not being provided. This will contain enough food for a lunchtime meal for the two weeks of the holiday. The hampers will weigh 11.3kg. The hampers will be delivered to school prior to the end of term and parents will be required to collect them on set dates/times (to be confirmed). Please note that there is one hamper per child. It will be your responsibility to check the contents regarding any dietary requirements your child may have.</p> <p>If you prefer not to receive a hamper please let us know so that we can avoid unnecessary food waste.</p>

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with our pupils in the coming weeks but we also need to make sure that we keep school as healthy and safe as possible. If your child, or anybody in their household, is showing signs of COVID, or feels that they may need to request a COVID test, please protect our school community by keeping your child at home. We will support your child with home learning right up to the end of term. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas,

Emma Anderson and the staff at Spa Academy