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Dear Parent/Carer



As we approach the Advent season, we want to assure you that we will do everything possible to make Christmas a joyous occasion for your children. We are unable to organise many of our traditional activities this year due to CV19 restrictions but we will endeavour to keep the magic of Christmas alive! If Christmas will be a financially difficult time for you this year, please contact us as we can offer support in a variety of ways.

Our Kindness Advent calendar



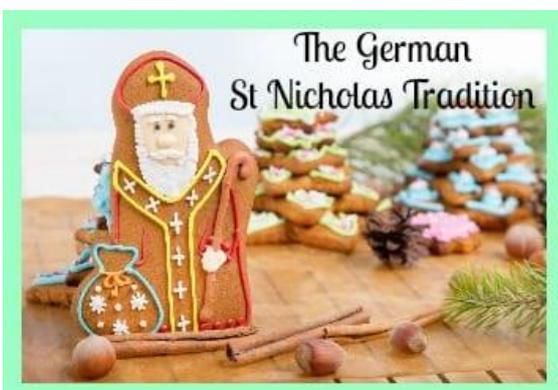
Join us as we open the doors of our kindness Advent Calendar from 1st December to the 18th December. Each day a new act of kindness will be text to our families. Encourage your children to complete the calendar requests alongside you at home and we will complete the acts at school. A huge thank you to Mrs Sullivan for designing our felt calendar.

Thursday 3rd December



Ready, set, SNOW! Get ready to unleash your inner elf on Thursday 3rd December. Coronavirus has cut off people living with dementia from their families, their communities and the networks they rely on. This December, as restrictions tighten again, the Alzheimer's society need your support. We may be in lockdown once again, but Elf Day is NOT cancelled! Dress up as an elf for the day at school and donate using our school JustGiving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/newtontony-ce-vc-primary-school?newPage=True>

Sunday 6th December



St. Nicholas Day, is celebrated on December 6. This is the favourite holiday of all German children – it's a gift-giving day. We join the German children in our school family in celebrating this holiday. Each child will make a 'shoe' to place under their class Christmas tree on Friday 4th. We await the gifts from St Nicholas on Monday 7th, hopefully we don't get any sticks!

Friday 11th December



Christmas is the most magical time of year- fairy lights and baubles, snowmen and Christmas trees. And on 11th of December, we want it all on a jumper. Wear an ordinary jumper and decorate it with tinsel and baubles or wear a Christmas jumper. Follow the link below for ideas

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/sustainability-and-inclusivity#jumper>

Please donate £2.00 to our school Save the Children JustGiving page

(<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200007146>) or visit their website and buy a gift for a friend/relative. You can also buy a virtual gift on their website e.g. Winter clothes for a child.

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Hedgehog Class Nativity



Despite social distancing restrictions, the Hedgehogs will be performing a Christmas Nativity. The children will perform their nativity to the Year 1 and 2 children in their bubble at the end of this half term.

Class teachers will film the performance and send it to parents and the other children in the school to watch. We always feel that Christmas has truly begun when we watch the Nativity.

Our Christmas elves



Finally the long anticipated return of our Christmas naughty elf is nearly upon us! Squirrels class are hoping that their kindness elves will arrive in time to show the naughty elf the error of naughty ways.

We wish you all a peaceful Christmas holiday as we remember the true meaning of Christmas. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support in these difficult times. Our last day of term is Friday 18th December 2020 and we return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Best wishes

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Miss Priestley
Head Teacher

