



Dear Family,

17th November 2020

I am writing to let you know about some of the events that we have planned in the build up to Christmas. I am very grateful to the PTFA who continue to work extremely hard to ensure that the children get as many familiar, fun experiences as possible. Santa has written to each of your children's classes to ask what they would like for their class, from him. Suggestions have so far ranged from playground equipment to craft activities. Thank you to all of you who continue to support our PTFA. Correspondence will be coming directly from them with ways in which you can get involved, such as through their online raffle.

Christmas lunch Wednesday 16th December 2020

Along with this letter, I have attached details of how to book an alternative Christmas lunch for your child. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on that day; a Christmas jumper if they have one!

Reindeer Run – Mary Steven's Hospice Friday 11th December 2020

In order to support our local hospice, we have agreed to participate in their Reindeer Run. Your child will bring home a sponsorship form prior to taking part in the run at school. Children will run with their year group bubble around the school field in order to raise vital funds for the hospice. **Children can wear their own sports clothing on the day and will need to bring a pair of trainers to change into as I fear the school field will be rather muddy by then!**

Pantomime – FunTime Theatre

The annual visit from a theatre company for a live performance will be very much missed this year. The PTFA have agreed to fund the purchase of an online pantomime for children to safely enjoy from their classroom bubbles. This will take place during the last weeks of term.

Hope at Christmas display – Waitrose window

If you visit Stourbridge in the run up to Christmas, please be sure to have a look at the display that has been coordinated by St James's CE Primary School in the window outside of Waitrose, facing St Thomas's Church. Many Dudley schools have contributed to the very effective final display, organised by Mrs Skeldon and displayed by Miss Brettle and Mrs Lamming.

Bug Club

Many families have let us know just how much their children are enjoying Bug Club. This resources allows your child to read a range of bright interactive books set by their class teacher, play phonics games and view the Power Maths they have been learning that week. The pupils are able to earn coins to spend in their virtual world as a reward. If you still haven't accessed Bug Club can we please urge you to do so – it will greatly support your child's learning and progress. Log in details can be found on your child's Reading Diary or Homework book. If you encounter any problems (there are settings which need to be changed on some Ipads) the links bellows show you to do this quickly and easily. If you would like any further support you can email info@st-james.dudley.sch.uk. If you are already a Bug

Email: info@st-james.dudley.sch.uk Website: www.st-james.dudley.sch.uk



Club user can we ask you to spread the word and help us get as many parents using this resources as possible - thank you.

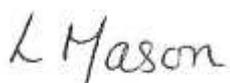
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Many thanks for your continuing support during these challenging times. We do appreciate how frustrating it is not to be able to talk to us in the usual manner but it continues to be vital to all of our safety that communication is done by phone or email and not by approaching members of staff at the beginning or end of the day.

Yours sincerely



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