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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are approaching one of our favourite times in school, where we all get to share in the magic of the festive period. All our celebrations within school will be in line with our risk assessment and following stringent Covid-secure health and safety measures. Please find details of our key December dates on page two of this letter.

### Christmas cards and gifts

As we approach the final few weeks within school it is vital that we continue to follow government guidelines to ensure that we can keep our children and staff as safe as possible and avoid anyone having to self-isolate over the Christmas period. For this reason, we will not be allowing Christmas cards to be sent to children within school this year. We also know that many parents often bring presents in at the end of term for teachers as a token of appreciation. This is not necessary this year. If you wish to send a message to your class teacher please email

[ap-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:ap-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) and we will ensure your message reaches your child's teachers.

Following the announcement that Wakefield will be included in tier 3 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> December guidelines state:

- You must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues.
- You must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks, countryside accessible to the public, a public garden, grounds of a heritage site or castle, or a sports facility. This is the 'rule of 6'.

Further information about restrictions in tier 3 can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Lea".

Miss K. Lea  
Acting Headteacher

<p>Advent calendars sent home</p> <p>A huge thank you to our friends at Cutsyke Christian Church who have donated advent calendars to all our children!</p>	<p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</p>
<p>Seesaw Christmas Card competition</p> <p>We were so impressed with your efforts for our Halloween competition that we are setting all our families a new festive challenge! We would like to see you take a picture of your own Christmas scene that could go on the front of your family Christmas card. More details are on Seesaw.</p>	<p>Competition opens for entries on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Closing Date Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p>Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children</p> <p>Wear your festive jumpers for a £1 donation to Save the Children. Normal school trousers and shoes should be worn as usual.</p>	<p>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p>Ackton Pastures Big School Quiz</p> <p>We will be putting our knowledge to the test in our whole school quiz!</p>	<p>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p>Sponsored Reindeer Run for The Prince of Wales Hospice</p> <p>We will be supporting this fantastic charity and completing a sponsored run in our reindeer antlers! Remember to wear your P.E. Kits to school.</p>	<p>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Sponsor forms will be sent home on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Sponsor forms and money back in to school by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p>Christmas Pantomime</p> <p>A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA who have purchased an online pantomime for us to watch.</p>	<p>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p>Christmas Party</p> <p>These will be in class on Friday afternoon. Children can wear non-uniform to school on this day. You do <u>not</u> need to bring in any food for the party.</p>	<p>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</p>