

GLADESTRY CHURCH-IN-WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Website: www.gladestry.powys.sch.uk

Advent Half Term

(Christian Value – Compassion)

19th November 2020

Dear Parents

Newsletter

I just wanted to communicate our current plans for Christmas Activities at Gladestry. We are very keen to keep as many traditions as possible whilst still ensuring the safety of your children.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will open on the **1st December** and will be located in the Library area. The pupils will be able to post cards as usual but the box **won't** be opened daily as in previous years. The cards will be taken out every Friday evening and quarantined over the weekend. These cards will be shared out on the following Monday. Therefore the last day to post cards will be **Friday 11th December**. Pupils will need to remember to include the name, surname and class of the child receiving the card on the envelope.

Christmas Party

We will be holding the Christmas Party on the afternoon of the **18th December**- each class will have their own party. On this day pupils can wear home clothes if they wish. Father Christmas has promised to make a 'virtual' visit to each class and direct them towards presents hidden in school. The pupils will have a school lunch or packed lunch as normal but we ask that you send in a small 'party snack' for **your child only** to have in the afternoon.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on **Tuesday 15th December**. Kelly our cook has asked if parents can indicate whether or not their child will be having the Christmas lunch on the slip below – this will ensure we have ordered the correct quantities. Payment for the lunch is taken in same way as usual via parent pay. If your child doesn't have a lunch for any reason – you will not be charged. Please speak to Mrs Croose in the office (office@gladestry.powys.sch.uk) if you need help in setting up a parent pay account.

Christmas Production

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we are unable to put on the usual public performance in the Church, however we are very keen for the pupils to have the opportunity to create a Christmas themed performance. We are currently planning to film the pupils in small groups reading Christmas poetry, playing instruments, acting out simple scenes and singing Christmas carols (socially distanced on the playground). All of these clips will then be put together into one 'mini whole school performance'. This will be dropped onto a memory stick which will be passed onto parents for a minimal fee. Before we can start filming we will require parental consent. Please be aware that all parents have signed the '*parental permission for photographs and videoing in school*' agreement when their child joins the school. In that document every parent has agreed NOT to share images of other children in any personal or on any social media site.

Christmas Jumpers

We are very happy for our pupils to wear their Christmas jumpers / tops / hats every day in our final week.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support with 'Children in Need' last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and we raised £95 in the process!

Thank You

to **Gladestry Community Council** for the generous grant awarded to the school to cover the cost of the new stands and covers for our Tuff Trays. We are making good use of them

to **FROGS** for buying and laying the new play bark. We appreciate this very much, and also all that FROGS do in support of the school.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Beck

Headteacher

'Mini Christmas Performance 2020'

I do / don't give permission for my child (children) _____ to be filmed for the 'Mini Christmas Performance'. I understand that copies will be sold to families of current pupils.

Signed _____ Date _____

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 15th December 2020

Please return by Friday 4th December to ensure that enough food is ordered.

My child (children) _____ is (are) intending / isn't (aren't) intending to have a School Christmas Lunch on the 15th December [@ £2.35 per meal].

Signed _____ Date _____
