



# Curwen Primary School

## Together Everyone Achieves More

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are sure you are aware, how we run our usual Christmas celebrations will be somewhat different this year from usual. Rest assured that we will try to ensure that your child/ren enjoys the end of term, particularly after what has been a rather challenging year for many of us.

### Christmas Performances

We are unable to invite parents/carers into school for any events. As such, each year group will be creating a Christmas song which we will record and share with you all. **Please note, children without photo/video consent will be unable to participate.** If you would like your child/ren to take part and they do not currently have photo/video consent then please contact us for a form and return to us as soon as possible. We will be sharing the videos as a mini Curwen advent calendar leading up to the Christmas holidays.

### Trips out

As you are probably aware, we are extremely restricted as to where/how we can conduct educational visits. As such we are unable to offer our usual theatre visits this year. As an alternative, we have purchased a pantomime from a theatre company which they will record for us and children will watch in class. Early Years and Year 1 will have a short performance for their class which the company will bring to us.

### Christmas cards

We have been asked about Christmas cards, and are happy for children to continue with this tradition. Due to needing to 'quarantine' the cards before handing them out to other classes, **all cards must be brought to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.** At this point we will close the post-boxes before sorting and delivering the cards.

### Christmas Raffle

We are keen to continue our Christmas Raffle which we always hold. To ensure we can do so safely, raffle tickets will be sold **in class** at the usual rate of 25p each or 5 for £1. There will be hampers and smaller prizes to win. We will hold the draw in our whole school Christmas assembly on the last day of term and drop the prizes to children's classes for them to take home. We will also be giving tickets out to children as rewards for good work over the coming weeks.

### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.** Children who want to take part can wear a Christmas jumper, a favourite jumper, decorate a jumper, or do whatever makes them feel happy! If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Jumper Day





you are very welcome, although this is not required. We will be giving half of any donations to Ambition, Aspire, Achieve in Canning Town towards their Christmas Stocking Appeal. The other half will go into the School Fund. The children will also have their school Christmas lunch that day.

### Christmas Parties

We are keen for children to still have a celebration. Parties will be on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Children can wear party clothes (suitable shoes please), and can bring snacks to share with the children in their class. To reduce any possible risk, please ensure that these are shop-bought items in sealed packets only. Much as we love to share it, we kindly request **no** home-cooked food this year.

### Last Day of Term

We will be ending school **early** on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Please ensure your child/ren is/are collected at 1:00-1:15pm. There will be **no** 6 o'clock club on this day.

With kind regards

Mrs Mansfield  
Head of School

