



ENGAINES PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carers

As December is rapidly approaching, we thought that you would like to know how we at Engaines would be celebrating this year.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we, as all schools, have had to rethink a lot of our Christmas traditions. We are unable to put on performances in the same way this year. As a result we will be sharing on Google classrooms, or Tapestry in Early Years and Nursery, a short class performance from each class, so please ensure that you all know how to logon to the appropriate platform.

The week beginning the 14th of December, will begin our Christmas celebrations. The classrooms will be decorated and the children will be completing Christmas crafts, having Christmas parties, and watching a virtual pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, purchased by the PTA. In addition, we will be delivering Christmas themed numeracy and literacy. To make it feel extra Christmassy we thought that rather than wearing Christmas jumpers on the 11th December, Christmas Jumper day, it would be lovely to see Christmas jumpers with normal school uniform all of that week (we will have a collection for Save the Children throughout the week if anyone would like to donate.) We will also be having a whole of the week of Christmas themed lunches; a menu will follow.

Unfortunately, the Key Stage 1 and EYFS children will not be appearing in the Gazette this Christmas. We have made this decisions based on a number of factors. Firstly, we are only allowed to submit two photographs. We have 4 classes in KS1 and EYFS, this would mean mixing bubbles and secondly, the Gazette want the pictures by the 8th December. This is well before our planned Christmas activities.

However, the KS1 and EYFS classes have agreed to put a photograph of their children wearing their Christmas jumpers on Tapestry or Google classroom. If you would prefer that your child did not appear in the photograph, please ensure that you inform your class teacher as soon as possible.

Despite rumours to the contrary, I am happy to confirm that the school will be open for the last week of term, from the 14th to the 18th December. We will not be closing early on the 18th, normal end of day collection arrangements will apply.

Yours faithfully

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