## **Christmas Gifts**

As a school we really appreciate the generosity shown to staff and other pupils at Christmas time. This year, however, staff and pupils will be unable to receive gifts from pupils. We know that this is difficult, but would really appreciate your support with this.

If you would like to make a donation to Storehouse to support families in our community, this would be much appreciated.

# **MAEDT**

MAEDT (Mayfield and Easthouses Development Trust) are very kindly donating a selection box to every primary school child in our community. Selection boxes will be quarantined and then distributed to pupils. Any allergies, as known by school, are recognised and will be supported.

## Storehouse

This is a very busy period for Storehouse in our community. Storehouse provide food for many families in our community, and try to provide a bit extra at Christmas.

We will have a collection box in school, where items will be quarantined daily.

If you have any donations (see attached poster) please hand in to school. We thank you in advance for your support.

Please note our final date for donations will be Monday 14th December.

### **End of Term**

Please note that the end of term for pupils is Tuesday 22nd December.

School will finish at the normal end of the school day, with the current class finish times.

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# **St Luke's RC Primary School Newsletter November 2020 Christmas Update**

# Welcome

As a school we are trying to do as much as we can within our current guidance to make our Christmas build up as close to normal as we can.

The information in this newsletter is correct at time of sending, but is subject to change. We apologise for any changes in advance.

We will communicate any new or additional information as soon as we have it.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated!

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## **Christmas Jumper Fridays**

As a school we are really keen to get in to the festive spirit and start looking forwards to Christmas.

Each Friday in December we are inviting all pupils and staff to wear their Christmas jumpers to school. The dates for this are:

Friday 4th December Friday 11th December Friday 18th December

We are also hoping to wear our jumpers on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December.

We look forward to tweeting some festive pictures!

## **School Pantomime**

This year the pantomime will be visiting us in St Luke's. The Brunton Theatre are providing an online performance.

Our show is scheduled for Friday 11th December. We are still awaiting final confirmation of the date and the time of the show.

There is no cost to pupils for this show, however school will make a donation to support the Brunton Theatre.

# **Christmas Cards**

Due to our guidance and restrictions at this time, pupils are unable to bring Christmas cards in to school this session.

Cards cannot be brought in to school for other pupils or staff members.

As a school we would be unable to ensure that the necessary quarantine processes have taken place. We thank you for your support with this.

#### **Christmas Parties**

As a school we have taken the decision to host Christmas Movie Afternoons for each class instead of a Christmas Party for each individual class.

This has been a very difficult decision, but our main reason behind this is pupil safety and for families to be able to get together over Christmas if guidance allows. If we have a party, and a child were to test positive following this, all pupils could be identified as close contacts, and would therefore have to self isolate for 14 days. This could really impact on Christmas for our pupils, staff and families.

Information and dates for Christmas movie afternoons for each class will be communicated shortly.

We will provide pupils with some nibbles and a drink for the afternoon. These will have been quarantined following guidance in school.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

Our Christmas Lunch will look different in school this year. All schools in Midlothian are having Christmas Lunch on the same day, and details will be sent out to our families as soon as we have them.

Lunches will take place in classrooms and is only available to P1-P3 pupils. All other pupils will receive a festive treat from our catering staff.

The Christmas Lunch is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 15th December. Further information to follow.