



## Christmas At Gilberdyke Giving & Receiving

Our incredible children are very keen to ensure that Christmas is about us **giving** and **receiving** this year to make sure that everybody has a nice time, not just ourselves.

Their comments and attitudes to conversations about Christmas over the last week have been enlightening and a true reflection of the kind - hearted and generous souls we are nurturing – you should be very proud 😊



### Giving to Others

We have listened to the children's voice and planned the following activities/events accordingly: please support your child/ren in any way you can but we understand that not every family will be in a position to help at this difficult time:

#### **EYFS and KSI (Wrens, Robins, Starlings and Finches):**

- Our youngest pupils would like to ensure that other children receive a present so will be supporting the **Viking FM Mission Christmas Cash for Kids appeal**. If you are able to, we are asking families to donate new, unused, unwrapped games and toys. Further information to follow.

#### **KS2 (Kestrels and Falcons):**

- Pupils in these classes would like to make shoe box donations as part of the Samaritans Purse: Operation Christmas Child appeal – further information to follow.
- In addition, pupils in these classes will produce high quality handmade Christmas cards in their own time (lunch break) to give to every single resident in the Old School House residential home in Gilberdyke and the Orchard Court Care Home in South Cave a card and some Christmas cheer.

#### **KS2 (Ospreys and Eagles):**

- Pupils in these classes would like to support the work of the Gilberdyke Village hub in supporting local families and residents at this time.
- **Dial-A-Carol** – On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, the pupils in Ospreys and Eagles will bring Christmas cheer to residents in the village by singing live in the streets. Further information about how residents/grandparents/housebound locals can book a live Christmas carol/song performance in their street will be sent out next week. We will do our best to ensure that the sense of Christmas is spread around the village.



# Festive Fun



## Fun & Festivities

Christmas celebrations in school will be fun and festive and an opportunity to celebrate with our community as much as possible. Obviously, every event that takes place will be organised within the children's current bubbles and pupils will continue to remain separate from other bubbles at all times.

Here is a rough guide to what we have planned:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November: every pupil will be given a bauble to decorate for the school tree in the hall.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Whole school 'switch on' via Zoom assembly. We will ceremoniously switch the lights on in all classrooms and on the main tree in the school hall whilst reflecting about ourselves, our families and others at this very special time.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Special Visitors in school

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Pupils to bring their Christmas cards into their classroom if they would like to send them to others in their bubble. They will be stored for a time period before distribution.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas cards will be given out

w/c: 14<sup>th</sup> December: We will enjoy a virtual pantomime in our classrooms

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December: The Year 5 and 6 bubble will participate in 'Dial a Carol'

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Gilbertdyke Christmas Day (see below)

There will be some **VERY special visitors** to our school over the next three weeks – see twitter for photos of some very excited and maybe even shocked faces!!

## Concerts

In keeping with traditions, all our children will participate in a performance to mark Christmas this year. We will co-ordinate the contributions of all year groups into a whole school Christmas Concert which will be recorded. This will be made available to parents in the final week of the term, w/c: 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Day

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be our fun-filled celebratory 'Christmas Day' in school.

- Wear your Christmas jumper
- Craft morning
- Christmas lunch
- Christmas parties – further information regarding party food will be sent separately.

## Christmas Cards

The children would like to send Christmas cards to their friends as usual this year. Please bring them in on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and we will distribute them on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. We will provide pupils with a list of the children in their class (first names) to use.