

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Christmas is coming,  
The geese are getting fat,  
Please put a penny  
In the old man's hat.  
If you haven't got a penny,  
A ha'penny will do,  
If you haven't got a ha'penny,  
Then God bless you.



Unfortunately this Christmas will look a little different due to the coronavirus pandemic. For example, we are unable to have any gatherings of parents or children in the school hall for performances like we did last year for the reception Nativity and class carol singing concert. However, we will go 'virtual' where possible and ensure that it is still a very special Christmas for everyone at Harefield.

#### **Christmas Cards**

If your child would like to give out Christmas cards, please give them to your child's class teacher with the name and class of the recipient clearly written on the envelope by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Class teachers will give the cards out on the last day of term to ensure that there has been sufficient time between cards being brought in from one household and given out to another one.

#### **Dressing the tree**

The children are making decorations in class this week and will put them up on the Christmas tree in the school hall at the end of this week. We will share a photo of the tree in Friday's newsletter.

#### **Virtual Nativity**

We will film the Reception children's Nativity performance and share it on the school website in the last week of term, so that parents can watch it at home. We will send a text out to parents to let you know when it is ready to be viewed.

#### **Virtual Pantomime**

During the last week of term, the children will watch a pantomime on the screens in their classrooms. This will be performed by the company that usually come in to school and perform a pantomime each Christmas.

#### **Carol singing**

Each class will perform a Christmas song/carol which we will film and share on the school website in the last week of term, so that parents can watch it at home. We will send a text out to parents to let you know when it is ready to be viewed.

#### **Christmas lunch**

Our school catering company, The Pantry, will be serving Christmas lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please order a meal for your child using The Pantry's website, if you would like them to have one.

#### **Christmas non uniform day**

The last day of term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, will be a non uniform day. We'd love to see everyone wearing Christmas jumpers or other festive clothing that day. Please note that school will end at 1pm for all children that day.

Yours faithfully

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