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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all aware that Christmas may well look very different this year. As a staff, we are all disappointed that we will not be inviting you all in for a Christmas production this year. But, fear not, we have had our thinking hats on! The arts are highly valued across the school and we feel it is important for this to be celebrated.

This December, in our amazing school, we are going to create a Winter Festival for the children to ensure this time of year is still as magical as possible for them. Our library will be transformed into a winter wonderland for children to enjoy winter and Christmas themed stories. Children will create a range of craft activities within their bubbles. Children will write and perform their own Christmas poems, which we will share with you via Dojo. Jenny, our Forest School teacher will support staff to ensure all children create a 'tree cookie' and lanterns and children will work with Emma Buckley, our fabulous music teacher, to record our very own Christmas CD. Year 2 may even write an original song!

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 we will hold a special procession across our playing field, leading into the Woodland area where children will sing a range of Christmas songs. Parents may come and support us from the other side of the fence, adhering to social distancing rules, and enjoy the festivities. This will take place in year group bubbles and more details regarding times will follow.

We are sure you can agree we have lots to feel merry and bright about.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Allen Mrs Doherty

Acting Headteacher Reception Teacher, Arts, Curriculum and Forest School Lead