



CHRISTMAS!

Even with the restrictions in place we are planning some exciting and engaging events to celebrate Christmas. I thought it would be helpful to share these in advance so that you know what to expect and have something that you and your children can look forward to.

Mrs Brown

Diary Dates

For the full calendar please see the **school website**
www.langar.notts.sch.uk

Admin day (Notts CC) Tuesday 1st September

INSET Days — Monday 2nd November, Monday 22nd February, Monday 26th July, Tuesday 27th July and Wednesday 28th July

Monday 30th November—Pantomime

Monday 30th November—Virtual Post Box Opens

Tuesday 15th December—Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 15th December—Nativity Performance

Friday 18th December—Carols Around the Tree

Term Ends for Christmas Holiday —Friday 18th December

Pantomime

We are very excited to be able to host a pantomime from a professional company here at school! M and M Productions will be 'performing' The Wizard of Oz, with one cast member here and the others performing virtually via a big screen! None of the stage atmosphere will be lost as the children are in for a real treat.

As a gift to the children we are going to pay a £10 per child towards the cost from School Fund, and require a further £6.20 per child contribution from parents. Please pay this via Squid before the date of the performance.

<https://www.magicoftheatre.com/productions/pantomimes/>

To ensure the performance is Covid secure, the company will perform to KS2 in the morning, with the two bubbles sat 2m apart and then to KS1 in the afternoon.



Virtual Post Box

This year we are going to be more thoughtful with Christmas card giving as well as starting an initiative that shows respect and care for our environment.

Children are invited to make one Christmas card at home for all their friends in our school, using any craft and art techniques they choose. This card can then be brought into the school office where I will photograph and upload it to the school website with a message of their choice. This message should be written clearly inside so that it can accompany the card. I will send out app notifications when cards are uploaded and they will also be looked at in class.

As we are not doing the reverse advent calendar this year, I think it would be a lovely gesture if the money that would have been spent on boxes of Christmas cards, was donated to the four house charities. Please send this in with the Christmas card.



Christmas Lunch

Although Nottinghamshire County Council are not planning a Christmas menu, Mrs Selby and Mrs Daws could not see the children go without this tradition this year!

The lunch will be at a slightly raised cost of £3.30, payable via Squid, as we will be sourcing the turkey and trimmings ourselves.

Children are invited to wear a Christmas accessory on the day.

Nativity

As we are unable to welcome you all into church this year, we are going to be recording our nativity performance and sharing it via the Wiverton in the Vale YouTube channel. As with their online services we will set a time for its release so that you can gather together as families and sense the community spirit as you all watch it at the same time! It will then be available for you to watch time and time again and share it with the wider Langar community and your friends and family.

It will be very different to our usual format. Year 2 children will be narrating the story, year 1 dressing as characters from the story to set scenes, reception children performing a song and dance as stars and all of the children will be singing traditional Christmas carols. You will be notified in more detail about costumes needed etc by class teachers in good time.

We are aware that not all children can appear on social media platforms, those children will be allocated parts where they can wear costumes so their faces will not be seen. Alternatively, if you have changed your mind about your stance on this, please speak to Mrs Whelan or Mrs George in the office.



Carols Around the Tree

Carols Around the Tree has become somewhat of a tradition here with our very able and talented musicians really enjoying it as a chance to perform. As with the nativity we will turn this performance virtual this year. A playlist will be created and shared in the video sharing part of our website.

In school all classes will watch these performances at the same time and intersperse them with carol singing. It would be wonderful to think our families were joining us at the same time for a shared experience. I will share a playlist of the songs we will be singing nearer the time.