



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas Plans!

I thought it would be useful to send a letter out outlining our plans for Christmas activities this year. Obviously, we have had to be very creative and do things in a totally new way. Hopefully, this letter will give you all of the answers you need but if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Christmas Fair

This year, we had planned on holding a Christmas Fair on December 3rd. Unfortunately, this will not now be possible due to coronavirus restrictions. However, we are still planning on holding our first ever Wybers Wood Academy Enterprise Week and aim to still raise money for school funds 'virtually'.

So... it needs to be run a bit differently to how I would normally do it. The office staff have set up various options for you on ParentPay to purchase Christmas gifts the children have made in school and raffle tickets. This is forming part of their Enterprise Week – the aim is to make as much profit as they can in class. For the older children, they will be learning about accounts and profit margins too. In school, this is being run as a competition with the class that records the highest profit awarded an amount of money to spend on new class games and resources. The teachers are definitely getting in to the competitive spirit of it and all are desperate for their class to win!!

We would like to kindly ask you to support us in our virtual school fair this year if you can by visiting ParentPay and placing some orders for the wonderful, hand crafted Christmas presents made by your child(ren) – I am sure all of your relatives will want one in their Christmas stockings this year too! Orders are limited so please don't miss the boat – please visit ParentPay as soon as you can. Class teachers will be posting photographs of what you can order on their class Seesaw pages. Orders will close on Monday 7th December.

In addition, on Thursday 10th December at 2.30pm, each class will hold some fun games that you would normally expect to see at a fair eg: name cards, guess the number of sweets etc. These will just be for the children in that class so there will be no mixing of bubbles. On this day, the children can bring a maximum of £5 to have a go at the games. Each class will post details of the games on their Seesaw page prior to the 10th. There will be other free activities for the children to access too to make it a fun afternoon for all.

Raffle

We are also running a virtual raffle with a first prize of a £100 Tesco voucher kindly donated by Excell Electrical. We have a few other quality prizes generously donated by local businesses but if you or the company you work for are able to donate further raffle prizes/vouchers, please call the school office on 01472 311081.

Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay and are £1 each. Each ticket purchased will have your name written on it and entered into the draw. Please do try to support if you can (and ask grannies and grandpas too!) There is no limit to the number of tickets you can buy!

The raffle will be drawn and filmed on Friday 11th December at 10.30am.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner day will be on Wednesday 2nd December. On this day, the children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform. In return, if parents/carers would kindly donate any



quality bottles for our raffle too, that would be much appreciated. Bottles can be toiletries or drinks. There is no expectation to do this, just if you can.

Reverse Advent Calendar

At this time of year, it is important we remember others less fortunate than ourselves. This year has been a particularly difficult year for so many people. Therefore, each day of Advent, we will place a box outside of the office to collect donations for the Willows foodbank. This is a local charity helping local people. If you would like to donate anything for this, please pop it in the box on your way past. Items they appreciate the most are: tins and dry products, toilet paper, baby wipes and any toiletries, such as soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Pantomime

We are booking an online pantomime called *Once Upon A Pantomime* for the children to watch in their classes – Oh yes we are!!!

Father Christmas

Father Christmas will be making a socially distanced visit to the school during the last week to drop off some special parcels for our amazing children.

Performances

Each class is busy learning two carols and a Christmas reading or poem in place of our planned nativities and carol services. If your child is in EYFS or KS1 they may bring a Christmas nativity costume in on their performance day but we will have plenty of tinsel and bits in school too so please don't buy anything especially. Children in KS2 can bring in a Christmas jumper/head piece to change in to if they would like to. The children will be doing their performances on the following dates:

EYFS: Tuesday 8th December

KS1: Wednesday 9th December

Y3/4: Thursday 10th December

Y5/6: Monday 14th December

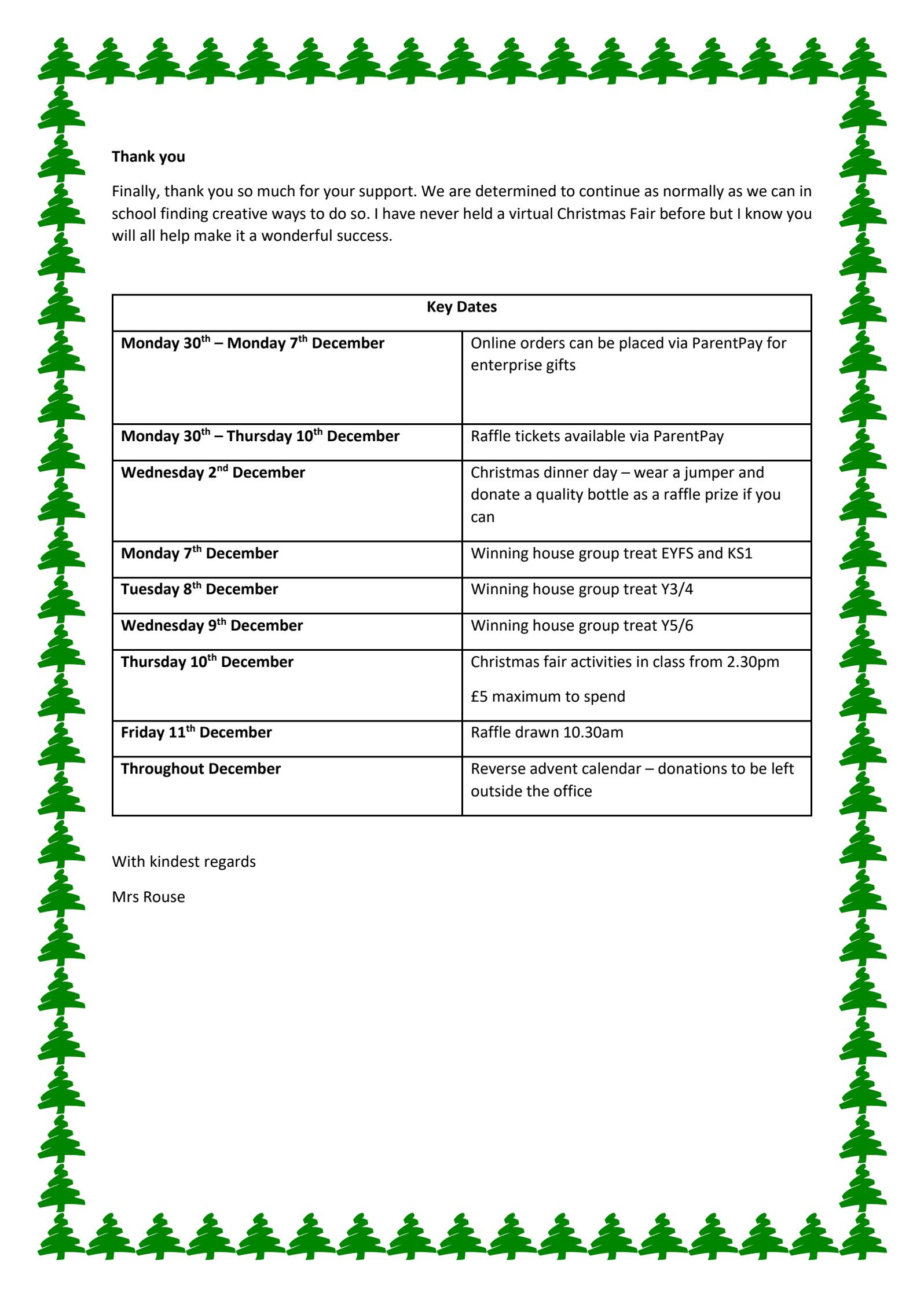
We will be filming the children doing their songs and poems and will share these with you. More details on how you can access these will be sent out nearer the time.

House Group Treat

This term we have been really focusing on attendance and our house competition is based around this. The house with the highest attendance will win a treat at the end of term. Our JLT discussed what the treat would be and all agreed they would like it to be a visit to Whitgift's theatre. Unfortunately, we are not able to fulfil this due to Covid restrictions but will have a film and pizza treat afternoon in school for children in the winning house group. This will be done safely in bubbles.

At the time of writing this letter, all houses are very close and all are above our magic figure of 96% - so well done to everyone 😊

Please note: children who have had to isolate due to covid guidance do not have their attendance figure reduced.



Thank you

Finally, thank you so much for your support. We are determined to continue as normally as we can in school finding creative ways to do so. I have never held a virtual Christmas Fair before but I know you will all help make it a wonderful success.

Key Dates	
Monday 30th – Monday 7th December	Online orders can be placed via ParentPay for enterprise gifts
Monday 30th – Thursday 10th December	Raffle tickets available via ParentPay
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas dinner day – wear a jumper and donate a quality bottle as a raffle prize if you can
Monday 7th December	Winning house group treat EYFS and KS1
Tuesday 8th December	Winning house group treat Y3/4
Wednesday 9th December	Winning house group treat Y5/6
Thursday 10th December	Christmas fair activities in class from 2.30pm £5 maximum to spend
Friday 11th December	Raffle drawn 10.30am
Throughout December	Reverse advent calendar – donations to be left outside the office

With kindest regards

Mrs Rouse