

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to the current situation and the number of positive Coronavirus cases we have had in school over the last few weeks we have had to make some difficult decisions regarding our usual Christmas festivities. We have been cautioned by the Local Authority on what decisions we make and how we ensure our whole school community stays safe. Therefore, please see below details of our amended Christmas events.

Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Productions

As you know we have already amended the days to ensure that parents from each class attend on different days to avoid mixing too many people. To confirm:

- Monday 9.15am – Year R parents
- Tuesday 9.15 – Year 1 parents
- Wednesday 9.15 – Year 2 parents

We have now also had to make the difficult decision to reduce the amount of people in the hall and therefore can now only accommodate only 1 parent per child. We appreciate that this will be disappointing news but we felt that it was more important to carry on with the performance and make it safer rather than cancelling it.

White Rock Theatre Pantomime – Wednesday 15th December

Again due to the number of cases we have had in school that have also included staff we felt it safer to postpone our trip to the White Rock this year, we have amended the booking to December 2022. As I am sure you can understand this trip takes up a huge amount of organisation time and many man hours especially on the day, and we cannot risk the trip going ahead on reduced adult numbers.

We appreciate that many of you have paid for the tickets and hope that you allow us to retain the payment for next year. We will of course refund our Year 6 pupils who will unfortunately not be able to attend next year. If you do require a refund and do not want to carry forward the ticket cost please email the school office to request a refund at school@chantry.e-sussex.sch.uk, please understand this will take several days for us to process.

Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Bexhill College Dr Doolittle production – 10th December

Bexhill College have also decided to cancel this production. This is what they have said

'We regret to inform you due to the current situation regarding Covid19, we will no longer be moving ahead with our pantomime. As much as we are disappointed that this will not go ahead as planned, we have had to make tough decisions and believe this is the best for the safety of the students, staff, and public at this stage'.

It is hoped that the performance will go ahead in January, however a date has yet to be confirmed, so therefore again it will be best if we can hold your contributions for the new date.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – 16th December 9.30am

We have decided to go ahead with this concert but only for our Year 6 children and parents. The church is a large venue that will be well ventilated so reducing the numbers to one year group and enabling our Year 6 children to have this experience we felt was the safest and most beneficial outcome.

In school events such as Mufti day on Wednesday 8th, Christmas parties Monday 13th and School lunch on Thursday 16th will all take place as normal.

We hope that you appreciate how difficult these decisions have been for us, we really value the experiences we are able to give our Chantry Children, but in these current times and at this time of year, we felt caution was the best option to protect our whole Chantry community and your Christmas breaks.

We hope the children enjoy the events that are going ahead and the last few weeks of term. Our last day in school is Friday 17th December.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Reed".

Becky Reed
Headteacher