



TVP CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 2020

28/11/20



Dear everyone,

I am writing to let you know what is planned for The Valley Partnership children this year during COVID 19 restrictions. These plans are provisional and may be subject to change, as is with everything about life at the moment! We have introduced some new ideas for our Christmas festivities this year in line with keeping the children, families and our staff team safe and happy 😊. I know we are missing some of our fabulous things, but it is important that I do my very best to keep you safe and sadly, with that, come restrictions. There would be nothing worse than you all having to self-isolate over Christmas, especially as our Prime Minister has made some concessions to spend time with families.

Below is a summary, but it is not everything, as we do have a few special plans that we are still working on. I have tried to list some of the key notes that you need to know and a timetable of dates and arrangements for activities. Please do contact us via email if you need further clarification and we will try to answer as best we can, at this time. We would really appreciate it if your child wishes to send their friends/teachers cards, that they post them in our super box outside on the days indicated below as we have had to timetable in our deliveries. They will not be allowed to hand things out to children in class. They may of course send cards to their friends in different bubbles 😊. We have marked posting days in RED.

At this time of year, we are thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves and therefore have two children's charity fund raisers. Please support the work of these important charities as best you are able, and I would like to thank you on their behalf for your kind generosity. I have also added some church links in case you wish to join in with advent preparations and services .

Please be on the lookout for last minute changes in the latest newsletters and don't forget to look out for our Christmas card displays going up soon!

Kindest regards
Mrs Eveleigh and the TVP team

TVP Christmas festivities 2020- a provisional dairy

| Date | Time | Location | Event | Extra Notes |
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| SUN 29 th NOV | | Both | | It is the first Sunday in Advent - the altar cloth table would be purple to represent the preparations for the birth of Jesus. |
| Mon 30 th Nov | | 1 st CW of Advent | | Advent Collective worship - Children check out your classroom - I think you might be surprised 😊. We intend to do some planting after our celebrations to mark this unusual year. Let your parents know what I am talking about! |
| Tues 1 st Dec | | | | |
| Weds 2 nd Dec | | | | |
| Thurs 3 rd | AM | All BPS classes | Christingle Days | We aim to photograph your child with their lighted candle for you and it will be sent home. We will be sending home a collection container to help support the work of the Children's Society - please send it in on the day requested. Celebrate Christingle The Children's Society look at where your money goes. We will be labelling the Christingles, so your child takes home the one they made. |
| Fri 4 th | AM | WPS all classes | | I have been told that on Friday at 6pm it is the Holcombe Village Christmas Light Up. |
| Mon 7 th | AM & PM | Both | Christingle Children's Society Donations in please | Children's Society donations in due in. Christmas card posting day for ALL including staff in outside box. |
| Tues 8 th | AM & PM | Both | | Christmas card posting day for ALL including staff in outside box. |
| Weds 9 th | | | | |
| Thurs 10 th | AM | | Flu Vacs | WPS Catch up Flu jabs PM |
| Fri 11 th | | Both | Christmas Jumper Day | Please bring in £1 donation to the ' Save the Children ' Charity. There will be a container outside by the Christmas tree. Wear a Christmas JUMPER to school (uniform bottoms). If you don't have one you could add some hand made bits to an old jumper - they will look just as lovely. 😊 About Christmas Jumper Day 2020 Save the Children CARDS DELIVERED TO ALL after isolation and sorting. 😊 |

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| Mon 14 th | 3:30-5:30 staggered until 5:50 | Both | Christmas Movie night for BPS | Christmas card posting days for ALL including staff in outside box BOTH DAYS. Some parents have asked if they can send a staff present in, should you wish to do so you may do so on these two days. |
| Tues 15 th | 3:30-5:30 staggered until 5:50 | Both | Christmas Movie Night for WPS | <p>Bubble Christmas Movie Nights Children will be asked to bring their own snack box for the evening - this is not to share. Please ensure your box is labelled.</p> <p>3:30-5:30/6pm staggered finish times. Children to be in bubble release times.</p> <p>Children cannot bring in pillows/cushions etc sorry. They will be in uniform. No clubs that day. KS2 may be watching a PG film, if you are not happy with this please contact the office. We will not reveal the film until the showing.</p> |
| Wed 16 th | | Both | Christmas Lunch and treasure Hunt | Christmas lunch for all, followed by a Christmas treasure hunt - this will be set up in the school grounds. It will be bubble grouped carefully. BRING COATS and have WELLIES or outdoor shoes. WE may get muddy and damp! |
| Thurs 17 th Dec | | Both | Christmas Parties | Notes for parties: Children to bring in their own party box of food - not to share. <u>Wear warm Party Clothes to school and COATS as we may have some outdoor activities.</u> |
| Fri 18 th Dec | | Both | LAST DAY | Bubble Christmas Collective Worship CARDS DELIVERED TO ALL after isolation and sorting |

ADVENT and Christmas preparations you may wish to look at:

General Information



In the UK, the four red advent candles are often linked to the Sunday Revised Common Lectionary readings for Advent, each candle representing those looking forward to the coming of Christ: the hope of all God's people (week one), the Old Testament prophets (week two), John the Baptist (week three) and Mary the mother of Jesus (week four).

Our local church web pages have some amazing things for you to think about as adults and children. There are services including messy church for children on Zoom 😊

<https://sites.google.com/site/spteammc/welcome> with a children's link : <https://sites.google.com/site/spteammc/kids-page>. This has some amazing links and resources- please do look at these.

The Church of England also has some services and things for Advent and Christmas:

The Church of England this year are following the theme of Comfort and Joy.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/preparing-advent-christmas-2020-comfort-and-joy>

"National online services streaming dates

In collaboration with a range of Christian charities and organisations, we will produce nine online services throughout Advent and Christmas. This will include an online service for each Sunday of Advent, a Christingle with the Children's Society, nine lessons and carols and midnight services. Charities involved include Christian Aid, Church Army, Embrace and Marie Curie. The [online weekly services](#) have been very well received on social media and continue to attract a diverse audience including regular churchgoers, people exploring faith and a wide age demographic. They will all be broadcast on the Church's [YouTube](#) and [Facebook pages](#).

29 November 9:00am - Worship at Home for the First Sunday of Advent with St Martin-in-the-Fields

6 December 9:00am - Worship at Home for the Second Sunday of Advent with HOPE Together

13 December 9:00am - Worship at Home for the Third Sunday of Advent. A Christingle service with The Children's Society

20 December 9:00am - Worship at Home for the Fourth Sunday of Advent with Marie Curie

22 December 9:00am - Worship at Home: A service of Lessons and Carols with Christian Aid

24 December 11:30pm - Worship at Home: Midnight Mass with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Dover

27 December 9:00am - Worship at Home for the First Sunday of Christmas with Church Army

31 December 9:00am - Worship at Home: A service with the Archbishop of York on New Year's Eve

3 January 9:00am - Worship at Home for Epiphany with Embrace the Middle East"