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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is fast approaching and, like so many things this year, it is going to look a bit different to normal here at Burrsville.

Christmas cards

In order to reduce the amount of items coming into and out of school, we have made the decision not to use our post box and deliver cards in school this year. Instead, each class will make a special Christmas card for the other class in their year group bubble. If your child would still like to send Christmas cards to their friends, these will need to be given out either before or after school as they will not be able to do this during the school day. Please note, due to GDPR regulations, we are not permitted to send home class lists.

Nativities and Christmas performances

We are not able to hold our nativities and performances in the usual way this year. Instead, we will be filming a Christmas Showcase which we will share with you. If you have not given permission for your child's photographs to be used online or on social media, they will not be featured in the video but will still be able to contribute to their class song, off camera. If you decide you would like your child to be featured in the video but have previously not given consent, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and your decision can be changed.

We are looking to film our Christmas Showcase on **Monday 7th December**. On this day, please can your child bring in a named Christmas jumper/dress in a named carrier bag which they will wear while they are being filmed. We will also be taking their photograph for the Clacton Gazette on this day. If you have changed your mind regarding your media preferences, please let your child's class teacher know.

Christmas jumper day

On Thursday 10th December we will be raising money for Save the Children and joining thousands of people around the country by wearing a Christmas jumper/dress to school for the day. No school uniform will need to be worn with the jumper/dress. The suggested donation is £1 per family.

On the same day we will be having our Christmas dinner. Please see the separate letter in this email with more information.

Festive fun!

Please be reassured, although things will look different this year, we have lots of festive fun planned for the children to enjoy! An example of this being, instead of our annual trip to watch the pantomime at the Princes Theatre, the PTA have kindly paid for the children to watch the Mercury Theatre's pantomime from last year. They will also be providing snacks for the children to safely enjoy in their class bubbles.

Please see the letter from the PTA (in your child's book bag) for some more information about their plans for the festive season.

Thank you, as always, for your on-going support.

K. Siggery

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Headteacher