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Dear Parents,

We are currently planning our Christmas celebrations at St Chad's and we want to make sure that children continue to enjoy the excitement and anticipation of Christmas in these strange times. As you know, there are some activities which we have had to stop this year such as bringing in Christmas cards and presents; and our EY/KS1 productions. Unfortunately, Santa won't be able to visit but we are certainly hoping he will send us some video messages! However, what we will do is ensure the children have a brilliant time in school in the run up to this special day.

Therefore, the children will have a party in their class bubbles in the last week of term-on the day they do indoor PE so that can use the hall for a bit of grooving! More information about the parties will be sent home very soon.

We will also be holding our Christingles for Y5/6 in school rather than in church and again in their class bubbles.

The staff are planning lots of enjoying activities for the last week(s) of term so the children will definitely be in the Christmas mood by the time we break up.

One of the things we would love to do is offer each bubble the chance to have a plated hot Christmas meal in the last week. However, in order to do this safely we would need to accommodate one group each day over the week. This does mean that we would have to provide a cold lunch in a bag for EY, KS1 and KS2 FSM's on the days they are not having their hot Christmas dinner- this would consist of a cold sandwich eg ham/ cheese; a piece of fruit and/or vegetable; a desert. Unfortunately, the kitchen cannot provide Christmas dinner each day for two year groups and provide hot packed lunches to the classrooms. We do not wish to go ahead with this idea if EY/KS1 parents are not happy with this option, although you are more than welcome to send in a packed lunch from home if you would prefer on those days.

Below is an example of how this might work:

	<u>Hot Christmas lunch</u>	<u>Cold packed lunch</u>
Monday	Reception	Year 1/ Year 2/ KS2 FSM
Tuesday	Year 1 and Year 2	Reception/ KS2 FSM
Wednesday	Year 3 and Year 4	Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2/ Y5/6 FSM
Thursday	Year 5 and Year 6	Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2/ Y3/4 FSM

We would really appreciate your views on this before making any decisions. It is a dilemma and we would like to do a Christmassy meal for each child in EY/ KS1/ KS2 FSM and any other children who wish to pay for a Christmas meal in KS2 but do not wish to make EY/KS1 parents unhappy with the offer of cold packed lunches on some days. Our other option is to provide Christmas lunch in a bag with a hot turkey bap and trimmings for every class- all on the same day and then the normal menu for the rest of the week.

Before we decide, we would like parents to text us a reply by 2nd December stating their view.

Please start the text with your child's name and then type 'Xmas lunch option 1, 2 or 3'

eg **Fred Bloggs Xmas lunch option x**

Options:

1. Plated hot Xmas lunch and cold lunches on other days
2. No Xmas lunch at all
3. Xmas lunch in a bag and normal menu for the rest of the week

Your sincerely

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Headteacher



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