Hi everyone

I know you have already received a recent newsletter, but I just wanted to update you on a few decisions we have made concerning Christmas. We have reluctantly decided that we will be doing a 'virtual' nativity again this year, in order to avoid squeezing 100 adults and 180 children into the hall at the same time. We feel we should avoid this so close to Christmas, and several parents have already told me that it was lovely to be able to share the film with other family members. It also means that the children get to watch themselves on screen which they absolutely loved last year.

However, so that we do have the opportunity to gather together as a community and celebrate Christmas we have decided to have a Carol Concert out in the front playground on Wednesday 15th December at 5pm. This will give the children the chance to sing the Christmas songs they have learnt and for us to share a mince pie or two. It would be wonderful if anyone had any contacts with a brass band - you never know! We have been lucky enough in the past... We just need to keep everything crossed for dry weather.

We have also decided to move the Children's Christmas shopping day to Wednesday 15th December so that we can make that last week in school 'full on' Christmas. It will also mean there is less time for your child to keep their gift under wraps as we know they often struggle with this! This change of date shouldn't affect you. On Thursday 16th December we will have our Christmas lunch followed by the Christmas party. Children can wear their own party clothes to school on this day.

We will look forward to seeing some of you at our Christmas decoration sessions which begin on 3rd December for Year 2 - you should already have details of this. And we are all VERY excited about our trip to the theatre on December 10th.

Sorry to email you so early with 'ho ho ho' news, but we are aware that it is helpful to get dates in the diary sooner rather than later. We really do want to try and make this an extra special Christmas for the children.

With love from Jacky