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Dear Burgh Families,

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Christmas Arrangements

I am writing to make you aware of the arrangements for our planned festive celebrations between now and the end of term.

Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunch will be available for all Burgh children on **Thursday 9th December** and can be ordered through the SchoolPay system now. The two menu options will be turkey with all the trimmings or macaroni cheese and garlic bread, with ice-cream for dessert. Please place your Christmas lunch order sooner rather than later as this will help our kitchen staff to prepare for their big day!

Christmas Parties

Each of our classes will enjoy individual Christmas party celebrations again this year. Parties for our older children will be held during the morning sessions and pupils will be invited to come to school dressed in their party clothes on these days. Our younger classes will have their party in the afternoon and the children can either come to school in their party clothes, or be collected for an early lunch and get changed at home.

The dates for this year's Christmas Parties are as follows:

Date/Time	Mon 6 th	Tues 7 th	Wed 8 th	Fri 10 th	Mon 13 th	Tues 14 th	Wed 15 th
9.30-11.30	P5/6	P6	P6/7	P2	P5	P7	-
1.30-3.20	P3	P3/4	P2/3	-	P1a	P1b	P4

Our Nursery Christmas party will be on the morning of **Thursday 16th December**.

The cost for this year's parties will be £1.50 for children in Nursery to P4 (includes Santa present) and 50p for pupils in P5-7. This contribution towards the cost of party food can be made through your child's SchoolPay account.

Primary 1 Nativity

Our two primary 1 classes will be rehearsing and recording a performance of this year's Nativity show, *The Big Little Nativity*, over the next few weeks ahead of a live streamed premiere event on the evening of **Wednesday 15th December**. The link to access the live show will be shared with our P1 families closer to the occasion, and our P2-7 pupils will be able to watch a recording of the performance in their classroom later in the week.

Christmas Jumper Day

As appears to have somehow become tradition at the Burgh, another Christmas means another opportunity to get dressed up and so, once again, our pupils and staff are looking forward to digging out their ugliest festive pullovers for Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 10th December**. We're inviting all of our children and adults to join in the Christmas Jumper fun for free this year, and will not be asking our families to make donations to charity in order to take part.

If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, please feel welcome to help yourself to any of the festive clothing items available on our clothing rails at the school reception. And if you have any spare Christmas jumpers in good condition, we'd be delighted if you would donate these to our used clothing rail so that another Burgh family might be able to join in the jumper fun this Christmas time.

Christmas Cards

Once again this year we will not be running a Christmas post-box for children to send cards to their friends or adults in other classes, as delivering large numbers of cards across the school is discouraged. Pupils will, however, have opportunities to make a craft Christmas card in their class to bring home to their family.

And finally, don't forget, if you're looking for an ideal stocking-filler for friends, neighbours or relatives this Christmas, our fantastic special edition Burgh 2022 calendars, featuring the winning pictures from last year's pupil photography competition, are now on sale. Calendars are priced £5 and can be ordered through your child's SchoolPay account with all money raised going to support the Parent Council's playground fundraising efforts.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss any of these arrangements further.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Jon Doyle
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