



11th November 2024

Christmas at HISN 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The information in this letter is to provide you with a clear outline of the organisational aspects involved with activities such as Christmas parties and Christmas lunch.

Christmas lunch is always a festive occasion at HISN. To ensure that Christmas lunch is enjoyed by all the children we will be serving it over two days this year. This has worked really well in previous years.

On the day your child's year group is **not** having a Christmas lunch we would request that you provide them with a festive packed lunch which they will eat as part of their Christmas party. During the Christmas party the children enjoy their festive lunch with their friends, play games and we are hopeful that Santa may visit! HPPA will provide a snack before lunch to keep the children going over the lunchtime.

Please see the details below:

Friday 13th December

- Whole School - Christmas Jumper Day, children can wear full mufti with their Christmas jumper (footwear must be appropriate for school both inside and out) – Donations of £1 for Save the Children Charity – please make your donation via Arbor.
- Wrapping paper donations - This year we are also supporting the **Cocoon Christmas Day Charity**. They are a local charity that organise a Christmas Day event for around 55 care leavers. Care leavers are young people who grew up within the care system within Richmond / Kingston and Hounslow. They are now adults who are aged 18-25 years and without the event they would sadly spend the day alone. Cocoon would love donations of wrapping paper as they will be wrapping for around 50 adults and 5 children. Cocoon are totally reliant on donations of everything (from turkeys to crackers) and your kind donations will mean the charity does not have to raise funds to buy wrapping paper. For further information, please click here: <https://www.cocooncareaftercare.org.uk/cocoon-christmas-day>

Tuesday 17th December

- Nursery AM and PM Christmas Parties – During the normal nursery session. Please provide your child with a festive **nut free** snack and drink to eat at the party. Please ensure this is in a named bag or container. The children can come to the Nursery in suitable party clothes - please ensure footwear is suitable for inside and outside play.

*If your child attends Nursery all day, **please provide 2 festive nut free snacks** as they will attend both parties.*

- Reception Christmas Party Day – Children to bring a Festive packed lunch which parents/carers provide and this may include a few festive treats (**no sweets, fizzy drinks or nuts**). The children can come to school in suitable party clothes however



these must also be suitable for a busy day at school, including learning outside.
Please also ensure footwear is suitable for inside and outside play.

- Year 1 and Year 2 - Christmas lunch and children to wear school uniform as usual. There will be a Christmas menu that day and we will need to know whether your child will be having the school lunch menu or packed lunch. A separate message will be sent with an eform to complete by this Thursday 14th November.

Wednesday 18th December

- Reception Christmas lunch and children to wear school uniform as usual. There will be a Christmas menu that day and we will need to know whether your child will be having the school lunch menu or packed lunch. A separate message will be sent with an eform to complete by this Thursday 14th November.
- Year 1 and year 2 Party Day - Children to bring a Festive packed lunch which parents/carers provide and this may include a few festive treats (**no sweets, fizzy drinks or nuts**). The children can come to school in suitable party clothes, however, these must also be suitable for a busy day at school, including playtime and lunchtime outside.

We are aware that the children are entitled to a free school meal every day, therefore if you do not feel able to provide a packed lunch, the kitchen staff will do this, this will consist of a sandwich (ham or cheese), fruit and a sweet treat. Please let the school office know by **Monday 2nd December** if you would like the kitchen to provide a packed lunch for your child.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Claire Cook

Head of School