

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have heard on the news that yesterday afternoon the DfE announced their guidance to schools about closing to children on **Thursday 17th December**. Delta Academies have therefore decided that **Friday 18th December will be an Inset Day** for all their schools including Hatfield Woodhouse. We are sorry for any inconvenience to working parents – the reason for the change is to try to avoid schools having to contact families on Christmas Eve to ask that children self-isolate for 14 days.

We have rescheduled some of our activities for next week:-

Online song

We are excited to tell you that our whole school Christmas song and the song recorded by your child's class is ready and will be put on Class DoJo or Seesaw on Monday afternoon (14th December). Huge thanks to Miss Turner who has edited and compiled this. The Zoom Christmas assembly has been rescheduled to Monday afternoon for the children to share these in school – but we didn't want you to miss out at home so they will be on the learning platforms instead.

Polar Express Day

We have moved Polar Express Day to **Tuesday 15th December**. Children can come in pyjamas or joggers and they will watch the film whilst sharing hot chocolate and cookies.

Christmas Parties

These will still take place on the afternoon of **Wednesday 16th December**. Please could you provide a plate of individual party snacks for your child. The children can wear party clothes and we hope that Santa might be able to visit to give a socially-distanced wave to the children.

Online Pantomime

We have booked the online pantomime for **Thursday 17th December**

“Oh no you haven't”

“Oh yes we have.”

The children will watch Cinderella in the classrooms at 1pm. We had also hoped to back this up with a recorded version on Friday morning in case our internet fails so fingers crossed all goes according to plan! FS1 children will be able to watch the pantomime when we return in January.

Thank-you for all your support and understanding in these difficult times.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

May 2021 be a Happy New Year for us all!

Kind regards,

Helen Acton