

# RIPLEY'S CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

## 1st December - Gift box Appeal

This is the last day to make sure your very kind gift box donations are in for HELP.

## 2nd – 4th December - The Friends of Ripley School Christmas Bauble Sale

Last years Christmas bauble sale was so popular that it's making a comeback for 2020, with a brand new design. You can purchase your child's bauble between the 2nd and the 4th of December. These are a lovely keepsake that can be hung on the tree year after year.

## 6th December - Ripley Village Light switch on

Whilst it is not a big event this year and as a school we will not be attending, each child will be designing a star that will be used to decorate one of the trees throughout the village. So why not spend an evening after school going on a star hunt to find the one your child has decorated.

## 7th – 11th December Christmas Card Post-box

This year we will be providing a Christmas post-box for the children who wish to give their school friends a Christmas card. We request that all cards your child would like to give this Christmas be brought in and posted in the box between Monday 7th and Friday 11th December. The cards will then be quarantined over the weekend and given out on Tuesday 15th December. Please include as much detail on the front of the envelope as possible so we ensure it goes to the right person. As a minimum, clearly write the recipients first name and surname initial on the front of the envelope, as we may have more than one child with the same name across the school.

## 11th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair

**Christmas Jumper Day** – This year we will once again be encouraging the children to wear a Christmas jumper and donate £1 that will go towards Save the Children. The FOR's are in the process of organising a Christmas jumper swap to help reduce landfill waste at this time of year. If you would like further information or have a jumper you would like to donate, please contact Grace Cauldwell or Mrs Randall.

**Christmas Fair** – This year we will be doing things a little differently. Whilst we can't hold our annual Christmas Fair and invite you all to join us, the FOR's and school feel it is really important that the children still get to experience all the fun of the fair! School are therefore hosting an afternoon where the children will be able to play some of their favourite games from years gone by and win those all-important prizes. In the next few weeks, you will be able to purchase a ticket via Parentmail shopping items. There will be two options. A £5 option which will give your child 1 go on each of the 5 games, or a £10 option which will give them 2 goes on each of the 5 games. We know these games are hugely popular with the children each year and all the money raised will go to the FOR's to support the school. A text will be sent to all parents when payment goes live.



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## 16th December Christmas Lunch and Virtual Pantomime.

Children are invited to dress in party wear and get ready for a day of festive fun with a Christmas Lunch and Virtual Pantomime. If your child normally has packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner on this day, please email Mrs Randall with you main menu choice. A payment of £2.50 is required for KS2 students prior to the 16th December. As an added festive treat this year, and in lieu of us being able to go to a theatre this year, a virtual Pantomime has been organised for the whole school to enjoy.

## 17th December Christingle.

At present, it looks unlikely that we will be able to invite parents to join us at this years Christingle service, but we are working with Revd. Paul in the hope we can once again stream the service live. Children will take part in making their own Christingle which they will take to the service with them. As church are unable to pass a collection box around during the service, any donations on the day would be gratefully received and go directly to the Children's Society, which is one of the charity's the Church and School are supporting this year.

## 18th Last Day of Term

### Christmas Eve Light a Candle and Ring the Bells!

On Christmas Eve at 6pm, the nation are once again coming together to stand on their doorsteps and this time ring a bell for 2 minutes to spread some Christmas spirit and help Santa fly that sleigh.

After a tough year it would be an amazing memory for the children and the community to end 2020 with a bit of Magic, hope and togetherness!

*Merry Christmas  
Team Ripley*

