

Christmas at QI 2020

December 1st 2020

This year, our Christmas events and activities are going to be quite different to the usual celebrations that we are used to. Despite being unable to have a KS1 Nativity or to visit the Baptist Church for our KS2 Church Service, we are still able to sing and retell the story of Christmas within school. We are hoping to create a whole school sound recording that, if successful, we aim to share online with you all at the end of term!



Christmas Cards – Monday 7th to 15th December



Many children have asked if they will be able to send Christmas cards to their friends this year and the answer is - YES!

However, in order to manage this safely, we will not be using the communal post box this year. We ask that from Monday 7th December, children ONLY send cards to other children in their year group bubble and not across the wider school. The cards, just like anything that comes into school to be distributed, will be quarantined before giving them out to the children. To allow for this, the last date for cards to come in to school will be Tuesday 15th December. Please understand that we cannot give parents the names of children. Thank you.



Present Buying Day – Friday 11th December

After much careful consideration, the decision has been made to run this annual event exclusively for our Year 6 learners this year, as this will be their last ever QI Present Buying Day. Whilst this was a very difficult decision to make, in the current circumstances it simply is not feasible to run this event for the whole school and we really hope that we will be able to return to 'normal' arrangements next year. More details will follow from our PTA for Year 6 Parents.



PTA Gift Bag



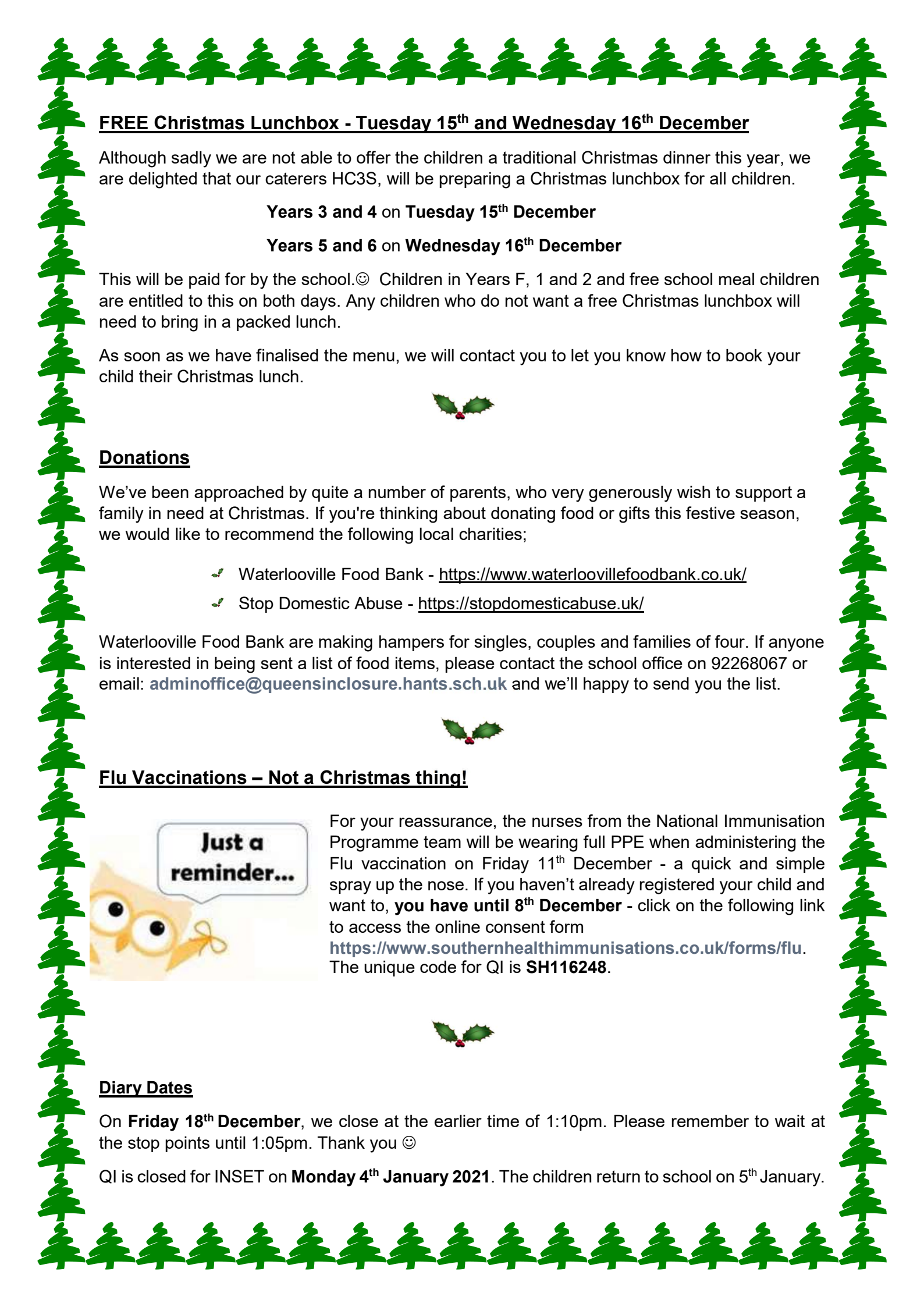
To help spread some festive cheer, our wonderful PTA have organised a gift bag for every child which they plan to give out on Friday 11th December.

Without spoiling the surprise, we can tell you that it includes something edible (to be brought home) as well as something for the children to use to participate in a fun activity with their class during the day! 😊

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

On the same day, Friday 11th December, all children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper into school. As this is also the UK's Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day, our PTA will be collecting an optional £1 donation for the Save the Children charity. Alternatively, you can go online to make a donation if you prefer. <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>





FREE Christmas Lunchbox - Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December

Although sadly we are not able to offer the children a traditional Christmas dinner this year, we are delighted that our caterers HC3S, will be preparing a Christmas lunchbox for all children.

Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday 15th December

Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday 16th December

This will be paid for by the school. 😊 Children in Years F, 1 and 2 and free school meal children are entitled to this on both days. Any children who do not want a free Christmas lunchbox will need to bring in a packed lunch.

As soon as we have finalised the menu, we will contact you to let you know how to book your child their Christmas lunch.



Donations

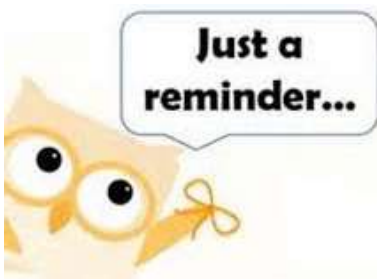
We've been approached by quite a number of parents, who very generously wish to support a family in need at Christmas. If you're thinking about donating food or gifts this festive season, we would like to recommend the following local charities;

- ✦ Waterloo Food Bank - <https://www.waterloovillefoodbank.co.uk/>
- ✦ Stop Domestic Abuse - <https://stopdomesticabuse.uk/>

Waterlooville Food Bank are making hampers for singles, couples and families of four. If anyone is interested in being sent a list of food items, please contact the school office on 92268067 or email: adminoffice@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk and we'll happy to send you the list.



Flu Vaccinations – Not a Christmas thing!



For your reassurance, the nurses from the National Immunisation Programme team will be wearing full PPE when administering the Flu vaccination on Friday 11th December - a quick and simple spray up the nose. If you haven't already registered your child and want to, **you have until 8th December** - click on the following link to access the online consent form

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>.
The unique code for QI is **SH116248**.



Diary Dates

On **Friday 18th December**, we close at the earlier time of 1:10pm. Please remember to wait at the stop points until 1:05pm. Thank you 😊

QI is closed for INSET on **Monday 4th January 2021**. The children return to school on 5th January.