

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians

Christmas Card Project 2023

Deadlines

Return completed artwork to School: Friday 6th October 2023

Online shop order deadline: Tuesday 31st October 2023

The School Association is always working hard to find ways of raising much needed funds for Our Lady of the Wayside School.

We are delighted to announce our Christmas Card Project which we are undertaking in partnership with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS). If you have not taken part before, the process is simple, and more importantly recognises and celebrates your child's creative effort. They are great to send to family and friends. At the end of the term, APFS, also send the school a cheque to go towards the School Association fundraising.

The artwork your child has created will be accurately reproduced in full colour onto Christmas cards that are available in packs of 12. There are also additional items available such as mugs and wrapping paper etc.

The orders are made online, hopefully this will simplify the process. Other benefits to ordering online include being able to personalise your items with your child's name and create your own custom greeting. You are able to pay securely by debit or credit card through the APFS website.

Please do not return payment to school you cannot pay by cheque or cash.

Step 1:

Create the art work. Art work can be portrait or landscape. On A4 size paper, (coloured or white). If you do not have A4 paper, then school will be happy to provide a sheet. Please encourage your child to not draw to the edge of the paper as 2 to 3 mm around the edge can sometimes be lost in the scanning process.

Please **do not** use **GLITTER, OR REFLECTIVE** paper or **PEARLISED PAINT**. If you use pastel or charcoal please **FIX YOUR WORK WITH FIXATIVE OR HAIRSPRAY**. Be aware that **Fluorescent highlighter** pens will not reproduce well as the pigments are different to other pens. Please note that APFS cannot reproduce images from books and magazines etc due to copyright.

Step 2:

Your child will bring home a sticker with a **unique code** on to use when placing your order. Go to www.apfsorders.co.uk , enter your child's unique code and pay online for your order.

Top Tip– take a photo of the sticker!

Step 3:

Make sure that your child's name and class are on the sticker and attach the sticker to the **BACK** of the artwork as indicated. Send it back to school by **Friday 6th October** each class has a special envelope. **Please don't sent the artwork back in a plastic wallet!** The class teacher will put the artwork in the special envelope.

Please note

The School Association has a portal and we can monitor online orders. Only artwork that has been ordered and paid for will be sent to APFS for scanning. This will speed up the process.

One child will have their card selected to represent the School. There will be a prize for the winning design.

We hope you enjoy the process and the results from the Christmas card project. There is a card inside everyone, even the youngest children. For more inspiration visit the APFS website

www.apfs.org.uk

Yours sincerely

OLW School Association