



*'This is a GOOD school.
Teaching is good because
teachers know their pupils well'
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hold fire on buying your Christmas cards!

The PTA is running an art project this year in which all pupils can create a piece of Christmas art. The resulting masterpieces will then be available for proud parents, carers and grandparents to buy as high quality greetings cards, thank you cards, writing paper, gift wrap and gift labels... all in good time for Christmas.

And what's more, every pack sold helps to raise money for our school – at least £1 from every pack.

Sent home with this letter today is a **square form**. On the back of the form, it is **blank**. This is where your child(ren) should create their Christmas masterpiece. They can do it over the weekend, one evening or as a nice activity over the October half term holiday.

Here are some useful tips to making sure your child(ren) create a picture that works really well:

- Close **guidance** and **support** while they work on their Christmas design
- **Bright colours** using **paints** or **felt tip pens**
- **Collages** with varying **texture** using **bright coloured** papers
- **Hand, finger, foot** and **stamp** painting
- Keeping **important elements** of the design (words, hands, feet, noses, Christmas tree angels!) **at least 0.5cm away** from the edge of the square paper as it risks being trimmed off the finished card
- More ideas at <http://www.myartproject.co.uk/gallery.html>

If you prefer, your child(ren) can paint on coloured paper to create a bright background. This **must** be the same size as the square form provided. Please then ensure you securely **stick** the picture onto the blank square card provided so it is on the **back of the form** with the children's details.

What doesn't work well? Pencils, chalks, pastels, gold and silver colours, shiny material and foil... and leaving the children to complete the artwork independently! **PLEASE DO NOT USE GLITTER!** (It damages the scanning equipment and it will not get printed). Try to avoid drawing guide lines too as these will appear on the finished product.

If you have more than one child at the school, the children can complete one piece of artwork collectively if they prefer. Please then write **all** the children's names on the form. Alternatively, they can each create a design and you can then order different products in different designs.

Please return your child(ren)'s picture via their teacher (flat and damage free), with the **form clearly filled out** on the other side, by **Tuesday 31st October**.

Sample cards will be sent back to you in November, along with order forms to order the packs of cards, etc.

Thank you in advance for your support with this lovely Christmas art project and have lots of fun getting creative! We are excited to see the resulting art work and to raising money for our school.

Best wishes,

The PTA Committee

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