



Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update from Mr Vitarana

As you know, this week we had to close our EYFS classes due to a positive test result. This is not a situation that any of us want to find ourselves in. However, the advice from Public Health England and the actions taken aim to prevent transmission of the virus. We continue to operate in our year group bubbles to keep children in different year groups separate.

This week's update is mainly linked to Christmas activities. As I said last week, we are unable to hold our usual programme of events. Please find details below of what we will be doing in school in December.

1. Virtual pantomime – Monday 14th – Friday 18th December

Our wonderful PTA have paid and organised for a virtual pantomime that every class is going to have streamed in their classrooms in the week mentioned above. I would like to thank the PTA for organising this for our children.

Year groups will be watching the pantomime on one of the days from Monday 14th- Friday 18th December and are **welcome to wear a Christmas jumper and/or Christmas accessories on their allocated day e.g. reindeer ears to school on the day they are watching it.**

We will send out which date your child's year group has been assigned closer to the time.

2. Secret Santa class Christmas cards – Deadline Tuesday 15th December

The PTA has helped organise an eco-friendly and COVID safe approach to sending Christmas cards this year. It will work by each child having one child to write a card for in their class. They will bring it in to school by the deadline above so it can be quarantined and they will then be given out. Please see more information attached to this letter about this initiative. Children are not permitted to bring their own sets of Christmas cards from home to give out in school this year.

3. Christmas parties – Monday 21st December

Class Christmas parties can still go ahead. Class teachers will be asking for a voluntary donation of £1 via ParentPay so that they can buy and quarantine individually wrapped snacks for the party. We will let you know when this has been set up on ParentPay. **This will be an own clothes day for the children.**

4. School Christmas lunch – Tuesday 22nd December

All children are welcome to have the Christmas lunch on this day. It will be a traditional turkey dinner and dessert. Payments for this school dinner can be made via ParentPay and costs £2.30.

5. Christmas film - Tuesday 22nd December

Teachers and their class will choose a Christmas film to watch on this final afternoon of term.

We hope the children enjoy these activities in school and we will be in touch with more details about some of these events nearer the time.

With best wishes



Mr Vitarana
Headteacher