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Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a couple of further updates and reminders to share with you, following my letter earlier this week – it's a very busy time of year in schools and even more so it seems this year!

Supporting Our Community

Thank you so much for your support with the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Together we raised £338 for this charity.

We also had a lovely thank you letter from The People's Kitchen who very much appreciated your very generous Harvest Donations

Christmas Pantomime

As we are unable to visit in person, we are bringing the theatre to school through the purchase of a virtual Pantomime from Bigfoot Arts. Children can watch this in their individual classrooms which will be a lovely end of term treat for them in addition to their Christmas Party Days and other events.

Christmas Cards

Due to the current situation, we would ask that if your child intends to send Christmas cards this year, these are only for children within their own class/year group. These should be sent in by Friday 11th December and will be kept to 'quarantine' in a class box until given out in the last week of term.

Parents Evening Information

You should now all have received information from your child's Class Teacher about their progress so far, including some examples of work via Class Dojo. If you have had any problems with accessing these please get in touch and we can help with this.

Closure Arrangements Due to Severe Weather or other Issues

Hopefully this won't be needed, but here is a reminder of our arrangements in these situations.

Parents/Carers will be sent a text message as early as possible, ideally by 8am to let them know that there is a possibility of closure but a final decision cannot be reached until the Headteacher can be sure



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of the number of staff who will be in school or if a heating, kitchen etc issue can be resolved. Wherever possible the Headteacher will try to make this decision by 8.30/8.45am. A text message will then be sent to parents/carers and staff informing them of the decision. **It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure the school has been given their up to date mobile numbers.**

When it has been confirmed the school is closed, parents/carers must not attempt to bring children into school. Staff who are at school will supervise the gates and bring any children who have arrived at school unaccompanied inside and contact parents/carers to ensure they are aware that the school is closed and arrange for them to collect their child. **Older children who walk to school alone to be reminded that they MUST come into school if they arrive and school is closed to pupils, rather than go back home. School staff will then bring them inside and check someone is able to come to collect them.**

On occasion it may be necessary for school to close during the school day, ie if the weather is deteriorating and there is doubt as to whether children can be returned home/collected safely later in the day. In such cases school will contact parents/carers by text message and as many staff members as needed will stay in school to ensure that all children are collected safely from school by an identified adult.

Self-Isolation

Just a reminder that if someone in your household has Covid 19 symptoms and therefore needs to book a test, the whole household need to self-isolate also and children in this household must not attend school until the test results come back.

Training Day

A reminder that school will be closed tomorrow for a Training Day. We will open again as usual on Monday 30th November

Christmas Lunch Day: Friday 4th December

Children may wear non-uniform on this day, including Christmas tops, dresses, headwear etc if they wish.

Take care and as usual, please contact school if you require further questions or have any questions or comments.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle



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