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Dear Parents,

The term is rapidly passing us by and it feels like Christmas is almost here, especially with lots of people declaring an early start to festivities this year! The children continue to work hard in school and our whole school attendance figures remain really positive which is wonderful.

Thank you for your support regarding wearing face coverings in the playground. I know that it is often not necessary to wear them outside but with there being a large number of people congregating in a relatively small space, it makes sense as a precaution; all we can do is work to reduce transmission as much as we can.

Can I please ask that dogs are not brought into the playground, with the exception of assistance dogs. If you have a dog which you need to bring to school when collecting your child, please wait outside the gates and let us know so that we can bring your child to you. Thank you.

Charity Donations

Our school community has worked together to support various charities this term. I delivered the Harvest food donations to the Hope Centre distribution warehouse and they were so grateful to you all. Many local vulnerable people will benefit from your generosity. Our mufti day for Children in Need raised £217 which is wonderful. The shoeboxes containing Christmas gifts were collected and will be delivered to the orphanage in Freetown in time to bring some Christmas cheer to the children there. Last week, we started our weekly collection for the Wellingborough food bank. Items will be collected on Wednesdays and the trays in which donations should be placed can be found just inside the bike shelter in the front garden. Again, thank you so much for your generosity; the people at the food bank were so grateful.

Our next event will be Christmas Jumper Day on Friday December 11th. In exchange for a donation of £1, pupils will be able to wear their Christmas jumper/t shirt/dress. These do not have to be bought specially for the event; with 3 weeks to go you have time to be creative and decorate an old outfit or those outgrown Christmas garments could be passed on and quarantined!

Thank you so much for your support with all of the above events. We have such a strong, caring school community and even in the current challenging times, you have been most generous in giving what you can to these charities.

Christmas

The Christmas post box will be available in school for the children to post cards to their friends and teachers if they would like to. Thursday December 3rd will be the first posting day so could the children not bring cards before then please. Cards can only be put into the post box on Monday mornings and Thursday



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mornings. This will enable us to quarantine them before delivery. Please can you ensure that your child only brings cards in on the allotted days in order for us to enjoy giving and receiving them in a safe way.

On Friday December 11th, pupils in Reception to Year 4 will enjoy the bubble friendly, socially distanced live performance of The Night Before Christmas and on Tuesday December 15th, pupils in Years 5 and 6 will be treated to a live Christmas themed magic show. Both will take place here at school and will be generously funded by FOOPS.

We now have more books of Christmas raffle tickets on order and we will let you know when they arrive. There are some wonderful prizes up for grabs and with FOOPS not being able to hold the Christmas Fair this year due to Covid, the raffle will be their main fund raiser.

On Thursday December 17th, we will have our Kingswood Christmas dinner and then we will hold the Christmas parties for the children. Normally, we would have a whole school party and although things have to be different this year with bubble-friendly class parties, we still plan to have just as much fun! Our special visitor may just have to pop in virtually this time...even he has to adhere to social distancing guidelines! We will send details of party arrangements nearer the time.

Do keep an eye on the school blog for updates on activities in school and on Parent Hub for general news and information.

Kind Regards,



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