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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of our second lockdown we are pleased to be able to rearrange our parent meetings. They will be held outside and we will ask that everyone attending wears a face covering (unless they have a medical reason not to). We will now be able to extend the meeting arrangement to both parents attending if this is something you would like to do. If you would prefer a meeting by phone or online please let us know.

Years Nursery, Reception and 1 Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3.45 to 4.45pm Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3.45 to 4.45pm Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3.45 to 4.45pm Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 4.45pm

Meetings will take place under the covered area outside the Garden Room.

Years 2 and 3 Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 4.30pm Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 4.30pm Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3.45 to 4.30pm

Meetings will take place at the end of the covered area outside the Garden Room (the end nearest the gate)

Years 4, 5 and 6 Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2.45 to 4.30pm Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4.30 and 4.45pm Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 2.45 to 4.45pm Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2.45 to 4.30pm

Meetings will take place under the shelter in the school car park.

Dates for your diary We have a lot of exciting seasonal events coming up.

Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Winter Woodland Adventure! A day of adventures in the woods ~ full waterproofs and wellies are needed. We will have a special school dinner by a camp fire. If your child has packed lunch they can bring this or you can order them a school dinner for the day (sausage in a bap with a hot jacket potato, carrot and cucumber, a tray bake and hot chocolate). We will all take our water bottles with us.













<u>Tuesday December  $15^{\text{th}} \sim \text{reserve Winter Woodland Adventure</u> ~ we'll save this day in case it rains a lot on the Monday.</u>$ 

<u>Wednesday December  $15^{\text{th}} \sim Christmas dinner</u> ~ a delicious Christmas dinner (in our bubbles this year). Please order for your child if they normally have packed lunch but would like a dinner on this day.</u>$ 

<u>Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup></u> ~ <u>Christmas songs and poems 9.15am and 3pm</u> ~ although we can't do our usual full-on Christmas play due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are hoping (weather permitting) to sing some Christmas songs and read Christmas poems etc. in an outdoor performance. We will, of course, be dressing up (no self-respecting actor would do anything less!) We will perform on the playground area near the school hall and will do this twice, once in the morning and once at the end of the school day. We will put socially distanced spots for our audience to stand on. Splitting into two performances will reduce audience numbers and keep us safe. We are so sorry to say that this year our performance will be restricted to immediate family and governors. We hope you can come along to one of these performances and will ask you to indicate which next week, so we can get our space spots ready!

We have been learning about Unicef rights of the child, finding out about Article 3 and that all children have the right to nutritious food. We have learned about a charity called Mary's Meals who are working to provide meals for the most disadvantaged children around the world and have decided to make a collection at the gate after our Christmas songs and poems. If you can, please bring some change along so you can help us support the charity. All donations are matched by the UK government.

<u>Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> ~ PTFA film evening</u> ~ in school from 3.30pm to 5.30pm ~ this is a lovely way for us to the end the term. PTFA have organised a Christmas film night in school (in our bubbles). Our brilliant PTFA will organise the event and teachers will support them by playing the film and serving refreshments on the evening (to keep everyone as safe as possible). Full details can be found below and on the PTFA email you received last Friday.

## Christmas Post

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, each bubble will have its own post box this year. Someone in bubble 2 can send a card to someone in bubble 1 and vice versa. We will collect post through the week, starting tomorrow. Post will be collected and quarantined before being delivered so we won't open post every day, but everything else will be the same.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Hepworth Headteacher



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