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Dear Parents,

We are approaching the end of a second fabulous term with our lovely Fledglings, that has been full of fun and so much wonderful learning.

The last couple of weeks of this Christmas term can be very unsettling for all our children, particularly the youngest in our school. Because of all the Christmas fun, our routine changes to fit in Christmas Show rehearsals, parties and various lovely Christmas activities. We love every single second of the Christmas magic and will make it as special as we can. Whilst we do our best to keep everything on an even keel, we know the children do get very tired and sometimes irritable.

There are a few things you can do as parents to help support your child's independence and to support the basic and familiar parts of your child's day run. These are: -

- ✓ Ensuring your child is on time every day – dropping them to our Fledglings gate in the playground as near to 8.35 am as possible so they can complete their morning 'jobs' and settle with their classmates on the carpet to their early morning tasks before register. Late arrivals unsettle all the children and often cause distress. Collection from the playground at the end of the day is at 3.25pm.
- ✓ Sending your child with a water bottle every day – so they can independently and easily access water all day - as and when they would like it.
- ✓ Continuing to use a book bag every day – not a rucksack please – so children can independently access their things. Having their reading books and contact books in the book bag every day is really helpful because we are lucky enough to have volunteer readers in school some days to read with the children - and they need their books.
- ✓ Check class dojos for messages each day and Evidence Me to see some of the learning that's taking place in class - I'm sure you'll agree how lovely it is to see the children's days in photos.
- ✓ Finally, hats, gloves and jumpers will be essential in the colder weather - we play outside during discovery time every day - if all items are named, then we have a better chance of making sure they come home with the right children.

We really appreciate your support with these things and look forward to sharing the Christmas joy with you all at our Christmas Musical - "The Wriggly Nativity" - that we will perform on Thurs 7th at 2.15pm and Friday 8th at 9.15am.

Kind regards,

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Class Teachers

Neil Garvey
Headteacher

