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Dear Parent

Welcome Back!

On Tuesday 24th November, we look forward to welcoming back those children in Key Stage 1 that have been self-isolating. Thank you to everyone that once again took on the challenge of home schooling. I've been very impressed at the work that the children have been doing at home.

Breakfast and After School Club

As you know, breakfast and after school club had to close recently due to staff members having to self-isolate. I understand that this is extremely inconvenient and I can only apologise for the disruption that this may have caused. Breakfast and After School Club will re-open on **Wednesday 25th November**.

Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee that this will not happen again, as due to a number of staff members having to self-isolate at present, staffing across the school is not at full capacity.

Flu Vaccinations

For those children that were not able to have the flu vaccination due to self-isolating, a catch-up session is to be booked in before the end of the term. As soon as we have a date from the school nursing team, we will let you know.

Christmas News

Unfortunately, Christmas in school will not be quite the same as usual, due to the restrictions put on us by the pandemic. We are committed to doing all we can to protect the health of our children and staff and ensuring that our school stays open to as many children as possible, but also committed to ensuring that Christmas still takes place at Springfield.

As already mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we will not be able to go ahead with our Christmas concerts this year. Current guidelines state that children are not allowed to sing together in large groups and we would not be able to accommodate a socially distanced audience. Plans are in place for each class to perform a Christmas song, which we can record and put online for parents on Class Dojo.

During the final week of term a number of festive activities are planned. Our Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 16th December. You can order a Christmas dinner for your child through ParentPay. The closing date for this is Monday 7th December. Bubble Christmas parties will take place throughout the last week and on Friday 18th December, we will have our Christmas Jumper day.

We have made the decision that children will be allowed to bring Christmas cards into school to give out to their friends. In order to make this Covid secure, cards must be given to the class teacher and will be kept quarantined for at least 72 hours before being given out. The final day for bringing cards into school is Monday 14th December.

Outside PE

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child has an outside PE kit in school – sweatshirt and joggers. As long as the weather is fine, we will be taking the children outside for PE whenever possible.

Packed Lunches

Whilst doing lunch duties recently, I've noticed a small number of our children bringing chocolate in for lunch, such as a Wispa or Maltesers. I would like to remind you that children are not allowed to bring sweets into school, even in their lunch boxes. I know that there is sometimes confusion between whether an item is a chocolate biscuit or is a chocolate bar. A simple guide is if it can be found in the biscuit aisle of a supermarket, it is fine to put in a lunch box.

Starting School for the First Time in September 2021

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you should apply for a place at your preferred primary school before the closing date of 15th January 2021. Please note that it is the parent/carers' responsibility to ensure that their application has reached the local authority School Admissions team by the closing date.

Even if your child attends our nursery, you must still apply for a school place.

Thank You!

As always, thank you for your co-operation and support during this term.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett