



25th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

First, let me just thank you for the endless support you are giving to us as a school; these are tricky times for everyone in our community and the relationships that we have with each other are ever more important.

I wanted to drop you a line to keep you up to date with how things are in school.

We have had a further case of COVID-19 in school and this has resulted in our need to close two classes - one of these classes because the member of staff who tested positive had direct contact with the children and another class because of exceptionally high staff absence in part due to staff requiring to isolate or shield. Because of this instead a written report this term teachers will be calling you to discuss your child's progress and we will have IEP targets out to you a little later than usual at the end of the first week back after Christmas.

We will provide home learning opportunities through a range of sources such as Google Classrooms and The Oak Academy (below).

I am aware that it must be a really worrying time for you all as parents; you are balancing an ever-increasing number of plates, I know. I hope that you are all taking care of your own wellbeing.

I am so pleased that you all send your wonderful children to us every day where we can support them, teach them and allow them to flourish. I know I have mentioned it before but <https://www.thenational.academy/> has wonderful resources for the children including specialist areas for things such as Communication and Interaction should you wish to utilise this.

Although we can't have the Christmas Fair this year, we are determined to enjoy the Christmas festivities as much as we can and have a number of events lined up including some virtual performances about which individual key stages leaders will be in touch with you separately. You will also be aware of the wonderful raffle prizes that are on offer as well as the silent auction.

We also have the following dates for your diaries:

Date	Event
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas PJ and Movie Day
Wednesday 16th December	Primary Christmas Party
Friday 18th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Last Day in School

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Finally, a reminder that these times won't last forever. We have light at the end of the tunnel now with the development of the vaccine and we continue to have the most amazing school community of which you are a very important part.

With all my good wishes,

Michelle Farr

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