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Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you for your support in what has been another busy week at Low Ash. It is starting to feel very Christmassy in school and the excitement is building!

COVID / Christmas update

At the start of the week, we sent an update following the government announcement on Saturday. As stated in the letter, we said that we would be reviewing our plans for all upcoming events from now until the end of term. You may be aware there has been no central directive from the government with regards to what schools should or should not do in the run up to Christmas and it has been left very much in the hands of individual schools depending on their own particular context.

We have had many discussions this week as to the best way to proceed. We want to ensure the health and safety of all pupils, families and staff - we would hate for anyone to be ill or have to isolate over the Christmas period - while enabling pupils to have a 'near normal' experience of Christmas in school. We have also had discussions on this subject with the Local Authority and we have made the difficult decision that, while we will still be holding Christmas events and performances for parents, these will be different to those we had originally hoped and planned for.

Each year group will be holding an **outdoor** Christmas singalong / performance at the end of the day (see dates and times below) which we would welcome parents to attend. By doing this, we won't have to limit numbers and performances should still be able to go ahead whatever the next 2 weeks 'throw' at us. Those pupils who have been rehearsing for nativities will still get the chance to perform but to other children in school. We appreciate that this decision may be a divisive one and some of you may be disappointed. As parents ourselves we truly do understand this. However, the health and safety of everyone in the school community must continue to be our top priority. We hope, that by doing this, we are doing all we can to ensure everyone has a happy and healthy Christmas. Thank you for your support in this.

Nursery - Thursday 16th December 11.00am and 2.40pm

Reception - Thursday 9th December – 2.30pm

Year 1 - Wednesday 15th December – 2.30pm

Year 2 - Tuesday 14th December – 2.30pm

Year 3 and Year 4 - Wednesday 15th December – 5.00pm + Choir + Performing Arts Club – a separate letter will shortly be going out

Year 5 and Year 6 - Thursday 16th December – 5.00pm + Choir + Performing Arts Club – a separate letter will shortly be going out

Some parents and pupils have been asking whether they can bring Christmas cards for their friends into school this year. We are happy to say that, yes, this is possible.

As you are aware, good ventilation in classrooms is crucial at the moment. We have been issued air quality monitors so that we can keep track of air quality in all areas. To ensure good air quality, windows and, where applicable, doors will need to be kept open for some of the school day. At this time of year, this can result in chillier than normal classrooms, so please send your children in warm clothes to school. If a child is particularly cold and asks to wear their coat, they would be allowed to do so.

The final COVID point to mention is that, once again, staff will be wearing masks when on the doors at the start and end of the school day and when in the playground. We request that, unless exempt, please could you once again wear your mask when you drop off and collect your child. As before, we have spare disposable masks should you forget yours.

To end, on a none COVID-related note, we want to say a huge well done to our Panathlon team who competed against other Bradford Schools this week and finished 2nd in the competition. Well done!

We hope you have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

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