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Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you for your support again in everything this week. The Christmas season has definitely started!

COVID update

As mentioned in last week's letter, we ask that, unless exempt, you wear your mask when you drop off and collect your child. As before, we have spare disposable masks should you forget yours. The guidance this week from the government is that the risk of catching or passing on COVID is higher in crowded spaces and that wearing a face covering in such busy areas is encouraged to prevent the spread of the virus. This is purely to keep us all as safe as possible and it is important to be aware that some members of staff and families feel very vulnerable when surrounded by parents with no masks.

We would also like to remind parents that the one-way system outside for dropping off and picking up is still in operation. This means that all parents should enter the playground through the main pedestrian gate and exit through the park gate (except for Nursery children who have their own entrance and exit). We appreciate that this may be further to walk for some, but ask that you do respect this system as it has worked well for us for almost two years now, and those going against the system are causing unnecessary anxiety for those following our systems.

It may also be worth mentioning that the symptoms of the new COVID Omicron variant appear to be different to what we have previously experienced. These include fatigue, loss of appetite, a bad headache and skin rashes. Please do support us and take your child for a PCR test if requested/ if you feel they are displaying unusual symptoms as clearly there are now many varied options to look out for.

Parking

We continue to receive complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking by parents dropping off/ picking up, particularly in the areas around Wrose View and Wrose Grove. Please make sure that your child walks, scoots or cycles to school whenever possible, and that, if you have no alternative but to drive, that you do not park across anyone's drive or blocking access in any way.

Christmas arrangements

Each year group will be holding an **outdoor** Christmas singalong / performance (see dates and times below) which we would welcome parents to attend. 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. A message has already gone home earlier today to the parents of children in KS2 with more detailed arrangements for the outdoors Carols by Candlelight performances which are taking place outside the school day.

Nursery - Thursday 16th December 11.00am and 2.40pm

Year 2 - Tuesday 14th December – 2.30pm

Year 1 - Wednesday 15th December – 2.30pm

Year 3 and Year 4 - Wednesday 15th December – 5.00pm + Choir + Performing Arts Club

Year 5 and Year 6 - Thursday 16th December – 5.00pm + Choir + Performing Arts Club

Thank you in particular to the parents of children in Reception who braved the cold yesterday to watch the children perform some of the songs from their Wriggly Nativity in the first of these performances.

Christmas Hamper raffle prizes

Finally, thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for the Christmas Hamper raffle prizes. We have raised an impressive £309 which will go towards school funds!

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Fiona Meer and Beth Medhurst
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