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### **NEWSLETTER 07 - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to update you on our Covid situation. We currently have 6 children and 1 staff member who have tested positive in Rowan Class and one other child who is still isolating from last week. The percentage of cases in one class requires us to use our Outbreak Plan which puts classes back into bubbles to reduce mixing. These measures include no assemblies, directed areas at playtimes and lunchtimes, no shared clubs etc.

We are doing everything we can in school to keep things as normal for the children and at the same time as safe as possible. We are grateful for your support with wearing masks and taking children home for testing when we ask. It is certainly a big team effort at the moment.

### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW OUR COVID GUIDELINES**

- Parents/carers and staff to wear masks at drop off and pick up times.
- Staff to wear masks when not able to keep a 2m distance moving around communal areas in school.
- Continue to keep a 2m distance at all times - particularly drop off and pick ups.
- Continue to sanitise hands prior to entering school.
- Continue to be very mindful of Covid symptoms or potential contact with the virus - self isolate and take a PCR test if in any doubt.
- If attending a school event indoors please do a lateral flow test on the morning of the event and do not attend if this is positive or you have any symptoms.
- Please wear a mask if you are coming inside the school building.

### **NATIVITY PLAYS**

Nursery nativity went ahead yesterday and it was lovely. Unless things escalate then we will continue with our plan to perform our nativities in class bubbles (this was always the plan) with just that one set of adults as the audience - this reduces mixing. I will leave it up to you if you invite more vulnerable family members to the performances.

Please note: Borre Wickstrom took photographs of the children in their costumes on Wednesday which will be on sale at the performances. One photograph will cost £4 and two will be £6, with any extras being £3 each.

### **CANCELLED - CHURCH SERVICE**

In order to follow our Outbreak Plan we need to keep classes separate so we have had to cancel our Church Visit.

### **CANCELLED TODDLER GROUP**

To be on the safe side we have also cancelled the toddler group for this Friday. Transition visits for January Nursery Starters will go ahead outdoors.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

Class party dates are below. Children can come to school dressed in their "party" clothes all day - please bear in mind that these will be the clothes and footwear that they go outside to play in! We will provide the party food and games from the school fund. Again these will be in classes so will be in line with our outbreak plan.

### **DIARY DATES**

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00 pm Oak (Reception) Christmas Play
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00 pm Rowan Christmas Play
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Raffle Draw
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00 pm Willow Christmas Play
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorns (Nursery) Christmas Party (Afternoon children to attend in the morning)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Oak Christmas Party
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Class Christmas Party
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Rowan Class Christmas Party
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back at school (please note change of date)

As you know I am very grateful to you all for doing everything you possibly can to keep our school community safe and please be reassured, as much as possible, that we are continuing to do everything we possibly can to keep everyone safe too. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a ring.

Kind regards

Mrs J Cook  
Head Teacher