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NEWSLETTER 08 - 13th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to update you on our Covid situation. We currently have 4 children who are completing their isolation periods having tested positive but (fingers crossed!) no new cases from the end of last week or the weekend. I am assuming that we will be in a position to stop using our Outbreak Plan and remove bubbles when we return to school in January which will mean clubs and booster groups can resume.

I know the Covid guidelines are changing and things are not looking great but please be reassured that I do not expect schools to close, but even if they do, we will be open for key worker children, vulnerable children and any children who are not able to access learning at home. Whatever happens we are looking forward to seeing you all in January!

NATIVITY PLAYS

It has been wonderful to watch the children take part in these. If you would like to purchase your child's photo please do so before the end of term. Willow Class photos will be available at their play tomorrow. I would like to say a huge thank you to Borre Wickstrom, photographer, for taking these photos.

SPRING 1 HALF TERM CLUBS

Please contact the office if you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs below. All clubs will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Club	Day	Cost	Times	Open to:	Availability
Gymnastics Club	Tuesday (11 th Jan - 8 th Feb)	Free	3:00-4:00pm	Oak/Reception Class	25 spaces
Sports Club	Wednesday (starting 5 th Jan)	£3.00	3:20-4:30pm	Oak, Willow & Rowan	30 spaces
Doncaster Rovers- Football	Thursday (starting 6 th Jan)	Free	3:20-4:30pm	Willow & Rowan	25 spaces

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



If your child is attending a club please ensure you tell the office that your child will be attending, this maintains safeguarding procedures in school. For Gymnastics, sports Club & Doncaster Rovers Football - you must send your child with a separate sports kit and trainers.

RAFFLE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our raffle. **We are particularly grateful to Gerts Tyres, Morrison's, Rand Farm Park, Captain Jack's and Bacon's.** The raffle raised £160 pounds which is fantastic! We will add this to the school fund and use it to pay for events like the reindeer visit and Christmas Parties.

ACTIVITY DAYS FOR PUPILS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is five and over and entitled to free school meals you will have received emails about free activity sessions run by Retford Tennis Club and Doncaster Rovers Football Club. If you do take your child to any of these sessions please could you let me know in the new year.

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.

Please note Willow Class Party is now on Friday 17th December.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14 th December	2:00 pm Willow Christmas Play
Wednesday 15 th December	Acorns Christmas Party (Afternoon children to attend in am)
Wednesday 15 th December	Oak Christmas Party
Thursday 16 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December	Rowan Class Christmas Party
Friday 17 th December	Willow Class Christmas Party
Friday 17 th December	Last day of school
Monday 3 rd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	First day back at school

As you know I am very grateful to you all for doing everything you possibly can to keep our school community safe. Thank you. I know you will also join me in sending the staff a massive thank you, it has been an interesting few weeks but as always at Hallcroft they have pulled together to make sure the children have enjoyed all the usual Christmas experiences.

I wanted to share a card that I saw the other day. It had a traditional nativity picture on it and it said "remember the first Christmas was very simple and it is ok if yours is too" I think this is a really good message, stories, games, snuggles and cuddles at Christmas create a feeling of love that is much bigger than a pile of presents. Wishing you all a wonderful time with your families and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs J Cook,
Head Teacher