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Dear parents and carers,

Below is some updated information regarding the next few weeks and the current situation in school

Christmas Concerts and Pantomime

Over the last 10 days, we have had an increasing amount of Covid cases in school. We have now had an outbreak in 2 classes (An outbreak is classed as 5 or more children/adults). Once it gets into a class, it is currently spreading very quickly. As a school, we are following our outbreak plan which means that the class has to be isolated in school to try and prevent transmission to other classes. In light of our current school situation and the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday regarding reverting to prior restrictions, I have decided regretfully that the safest decision to make is to record the Christmas concerts for parents to view online rather than inviting parents into school thus risking further transmission across the school community. This is in line with what most other schools are doing this year. Further to this, we are also going to cancel the whole school trip to the pantomime. We would have to mix classes on the coaches and then all sit together for a long period of time indoors. We know just how disappointing this will be for the children to miss out again this year. However, with the current situation in school which is changing each day, I feel this is the right decision for the safety and well-being of everyone. The last thing I would want is for us to invite parents into school and have all the school mixing at a theatre so close to Christmas and potentially spread the transmission of Covid to families of children and staff which could spoil people's Christmas. This has not been an easy decision to make but we must react to the picture we have in school now.

If anyone has already paid for the pantomime, you will, of course, be reimbursed. We will aim to get the money back to you by Friday 10th December at the latest.

Regular Testing

Please can you make sure you are regularly testing your children for Covid. There are several children who have the virus who have no symptoms at all. Some of the other symptoms children are displaying, who have since tested positive, are headaches and feeling sick along with the 3 classic symptoms of a high temperature, cough and loss of taste/smell.

12 Days of Christmas

As we did last year, we are making sure children have some fun activities planned in school. ***(Please see below for details of whole school events).***

On the other days for the 12 days of Christmas, the children will do different activities in class such as a Christmas movie with hot chocolate and a candy cane, Christmas quiz, Christmas crafts, Christmas card delivery, Christmas around the world celebrations, Christmas arts etc.

12 days of Christmas – whole school	
Thursday 2nd	
Friday 3 rd	
Monday 6 th	<p style="text-align: center;">PJ and Christmas socks day</p> <p>All children can come to school dressed in their PJs and Christmas socks. PJs can be Christmas themed but this is not essential. If they have a Christmas story / book to bring in, there will be an opportunity in all classes to snuggle up with a Christmas book and have a hot chocolate.</p>
Tuesday 7 th	
Wednesday 8 th	
Thursday 9 th	
Friday 10 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>We are taking part in 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper day'. We are encouraging all children to come to school in a Christmas jumper for the day. Normal school uniform to be worn apart from the jumper. We have set up a just giving page to take donations for the charity; please follow this link to donate:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Wales-Primary-School4</p>
Monday 13 th	
Tuesday 14 th	
Thursday 16 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas headwear, Santa dash and Christmas dinner day – busy day!</p> <p>A traditional Christmas dinner is offered by Dolce on this day and can be ordered online in the usual way. If your child has a packed lunch, this is the day to make it Christmas themed by adding a Christmassy treat. We also thought it would be nice to wear Christmas headwear (optional) whilst eating our school Christmas dinners and whilst taking part in the Santa dash. There is no official 'Santa dash' this year but as the children enjoyed it so much last year, we are doing our own for fun.</p>
Friday 17 th	Special surprise and last day before we break up for Christmas

Children sending Christmas cards

Children can send Christmas cards again this year and each class will have a box to keep them in. Please ensure that if your child is sending cards to their class friends. all cards must be in by Thursday 10th December. This will enable us to sort them all out and they will be given out in the last week on their class 'card delivery day' as part of the 12 days of Christmas.

Rainbow raffle

We are going to hold a Christmas raffle in each class as we successfully did last year. It is going to be a 'rainbow raffle'. Each class will have a colour of the rainbow.

FS2 – red

Y1 - orange

Y2 – yellow

Y3 - green

Y4 – blue

Y5 - purple

Y6 (Miss Harley's class) – purple

Y6 (Mrs Spencer's class – orange

On Monday 6th December, if you would like to take part in the raffle, please could you send in an item or items of your chosen colour to go in their class raffle. Each item brought in will result in the child getting a raffle ticket (multiple items = multiple raffle tickets). Depending on the number of items each class receives, we will make up a hamper (or two) to be the winning raffle prize(s).

Ideas for raffle items

gloves	fluffy socks	eye mask	pens	torch
books	candle	keyrings	shower gel	bubble
		bath		
M&Ms	crisps	hand wash	hairbrush	sweets
	bath bombs	nail varnish	drinks bottles	chocolate

This year, we are not going to charge for raffle tickets to raise money for school funds but instead we have set up a just giving page to donate for Hallam fm 'help a Hallam child mission Christmas fund'. If you would like to donate to this charity, which is especially important this Christmas then please follow the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Wales-Primary-School5>

Thank you for all your continued support.

Best wishes,

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