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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Christmas is not cancelled ...

in fact we are planning to give Strictly a run for their money with more sparkle than ever this year! This time of year, we are usually full throttle into learning lines and designing costumes but as with everything this year we are finding different ways of doing the things we love. More details will follow as we draw nearer to the festive period but we wanted to give you a taste of what we have planned.

Festive Fridays – Every Friday on December will be a theme day

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December Elf Day – To raise awareness of Alzheimers we will be doing all things Elfie including dressing up as Elves
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day – To raise awareness for Save the Children we would love to see everyone in a festive jumper. Our hardworking PTFA have also arranged a special treat for learners on this day and we may even get a virtual visit from the man in the red suit!
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Non uniform day to celebrate the end of term

We won't be asking for donations but will send out the links if you wish to donate directly to the charities yourselves.

We know our children love to send Christmas cards to each other and their teachers but this year we are asking that they don't bring any into school. Instead, we will work with the children in class to make online cards that they can send virtually. In lieu of the money spent on Christmas cards, we would like you to consider making a festive donation to our local foodbank. We will send out the list of their suggestions as soon as we receive it and will accept donations until the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Sadly, we are unable to invite parents to our Christmas concerts but we are working on a plan to film classes and share this with you all. Watch out for more details and a permission form to let us know you are happy for your child to be part of the film that will be shared with the school community.

### Remembrance Day

You may have seen the wonderful display of poppies around the school fence. We would normally have met in the school hall to pay tribute to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice but this year the whole school joined together on the yard to take part in a wonderful service led by our Year 6 learners. This is one change we will be keeping and hopefully parents and members of the community will be able to join us in future years.

## **Cleaning**

The Local Authority are recruiting cleaners. If you know anyone who would be interested in this role please contact Jan Baldwin on [JanBaldwin@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:JanBaldwin@monmouthshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01633 644109

## **Covid-19**

No letter would be complete without some mention of the pandemic. We are really grateful to everyone for their support in helping us to keep our school community safe. Although, we are out of the firebreak we know that the virus has not gone away and we need to continue to adhere to safety measures to protect everyone. Please see attached poster as a reminder of procedures at drop off/pick up time.

As a school, we have a duty to report positive cases and any positive cases will still need to be track and traced by us to check if other learners or staff are affected. We have been asked to remind you of the advice from Public Health Wales as follows:

### **What if my child has Covid-19 Symptoms?**

If your child exhibits symptoms you must keep them at home and apply for a test, the household must remain home whilst waiting for the results. If the result is positive you **MUST** inform the school so that we can run our track and trace process and inform the local Environmental Health team. The child and household contacts will need to isolate if a positive test result is received.

### **What if someone in my household has Covid-19 Symptoms?**

Learners must also stay at home if any member of the household has symptoms or is waiting for the results of a Covid 19 test. If a member of the household or close contact tests positive your child must stay away from school and isolate for as long as is advised by the Test Trace Protect Service. Please keep the school informed.

The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back;
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## **Face Coverings**

Although wearing face coverings is not compulsory in Primary Schools we have recently received advice from our Environmental Health Officers that it would be beneficial for all staff working in schools to wear face coverings. These are intended for use whilst moving between teaching areas or whilst in communal areas it is not advised that face coverings be worn when with children. The previous governmental advice advised this measure for secondary schools but the Local Authority feel that this a proportionate development for primary schools now.


It is also recommended that we consider asking parents to wear face masks when dropping off/picking up and would welcome your support with this.

## **Ventilation**

Recent guidance issued to schools still requires us to have classroom windows and doors open throughout the day. Although the weather is still relatively mild, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.

Apologies for the length of this letter but it contains important messages about how we continue to keep our school safe.

Take care and stay safe



Mrs S Hamer  
Headteacher

<b>PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL...</b>	
<b>ONLY ONE PERSON TO DROP OFF/PICK UP A CHILD</b> Although it's lovely to see families together, for the time being the fewer people who come to drop off and pick up, the safer it is for everyone. Obviously younger sibling cannot be left home alone.	<b>MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING</b> Keep 2m apart from other people. Stay back from the gates and pass others on the left. Staff are unable to have a conversation at the gate, they are not being rude but we need to keep our distance too. Please telephone or email the office if you need to pass on a message.