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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your support wearing face masks at drop off and collection during the past week. We appreciate your support with this. For the time being we ask you to continue to do this, especially while Gloucestershire remains in a Tier 2 category.

After school clubs will need to remain restricted (as they have been) to essential child care only (i.e. due to all adults in the household needing to work at that time of day) until the guidance for schools is updated to allow otherwise. Mrs Powell knows who comes regularly - if you need to add your child in to a club on a particular day then please let Mrs Powell know in advance so that we have enough staff capacity on site at the end of the day. Thank you.

Approaching term end:

Over the past couple of weeks we have been working on our plans for the end of this term. This letter is to let you know some of the things that will be happening in the last two weeks of term.

These are subject to change and are also heavily dependent on the school remaining open, staffed as usual and us being able to be fully operational from a Covid-19 perspective.

Term will end for all children at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 18th December. There will be no after school clubs on this day.

We are sadly unable to hold our usual procession and nativity with parents this year due to Covid-19. However, the staff team are in the process putting something together for you that we will be able to share at the end of term - it's a bit top secret at the moment so you'll have to wait and see!

If you are new to our school and for religious reasons do not participate in Christmas celebrations then please could you let us know (if we don't already) as you will be able to opt out of some sessions listed below.

Monday 7th December and Monday 14th December - there is no offsite Forest School on these days. Children will be completing craft activities with a woodland/Christmas theme in their classrooms during these afternoons. They should come to school in their school uniform.

Tuesday 8th December - today all children will need to come dressed for Forest School - they will need hats, gloves, warm clothes and will need to bring wellies to school as they will be offsite during the morning (weather dependent). This morning will have a nativity theme. Lunch will take place back at school and children will order their lunch in the morning before leaving. PE will take place as usual in the afternoon. If the weather is poor this will move to Thursday 10th December.

Monday 14th December - we plan that children will make Christingles during the morning - these will come home to you - the children may be able to participate in a short, outdoor Christingle service during the morning, guidelines permitting. This will be children and staff only.



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Tuesday 15th December - some of our older children in Eagle Class may be able to go carol singing in the community with the class teachers, if we are able to do this under the Covid-19 guidance - we are in discussions with the Church about this - further information to follow.

Wednesday 16th December Christmas Dinner will take place in school. Classes will stay in their bubbles rather than going to the village hall this year. Party games will take place afterwards. A socially distanced visit from Father Christmas has been requested, so we will wait to find out if he arrives.... This is a non-uniform day which means that Christmas jumpers or party clothes are also welcome, or comfortable non-uniform.

Thursday 16th December - Another non-uniform day. We're off to the Pantomime... well... the Pantomime is coming to us - in a virtual way. The live streamed performance is Cinderella. During the interval there will be ice cream (or an alternative for those with dietary requirements, please see Mrs Powell). The other bit of good news is that there is no cost to parents for this! Pick up time for all children between 1.45- 2.00 today. The staff team and I will do our best to make the end of term as 'normal' as we possibly can for the children. Please be aware though that if a class, group or the whole school are required to self-isolate due to Covid-19 then these plans may need to be altered. We are also dependent on the weather and can see that a cold snap is imminent. Should we have a snow closure, we will communicate this via text and the Gloucestershire County Council website in the normal way <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>. We endeavour to make decisions for snow closure by 7.30 a.m.

Kind regards,

Vicky Barron
Head teacher



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