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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that your child has settled back in well to the new term. I am very pleased to report that things are going really well in school and the children are amazing us every day with their resilience, acceptance of our new routines and restrictions. They are making great progress in their learning and we are very proud of them all.

The run up to Christmas this year is going to be very different to other years, however we are going to try to keep things as normal as possible within the restrictions we work. This letter will outline some key information and some important events over the next term.

### **Attendance**

Attendance in school remains very good. Thank you for your support with that. Please remember not to send your child in if they have any COVID-19 symptoms including high temperature, loss of smell or taste or a new persistent cough.

### **Staffing**

This term we have welcomed two new members of staff to our school; Miss Swift who will be supporting in the Merlins and Mrs Brooks who will be supporting in the Swallows. We are really pleased to have them both with us.

### **Christingle**

Whilst we will not be able to attend church as usual for our Christingle service, we are planning for all children to learn the meaning of the Christingle so they can make their very own to bring home. We hope this will be a welcome addition to your Christmas decorations!

### **Reception and Key Stage One Nativity Performances**

Sadly, we are not going to be able to invite parents into school to watch our annual nativity performances. We value these events greatly so your child will still take part in a Nativity performance that we will record and share with you. As these performances will be published on the internet we are going to need permission for your child to take part. A letter will follow seeking your permission.

### **Carol Concerts**

We will not be able to take part in our usual carol concerts this year however, all things being well, these will return next year bigger and better than ever!

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#### **Christmas Parties**

Our Christmas parties will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of term. As usual children will be able to come into school in their finest party clothes and bring in food to enjoy at their party. Party plates will be sent home nearer the time.

#### **Christmas Pantomime**

As we are not going to be able to welcome M&M productions this year, we are planning to have an afternoon where the children will watch a Christmas film of their choice (linked to their English curriculum) and have some treats. We are also hoping to arrange a virtual visit from Santa Claus!

#### **Christmas Dinner**

We will be serving our usual delicious Christmas Dinner for the children to enjoy on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of December. This is already available to purchase on Wisepay for the usual price of £2.40. The cut-off date to order Christmas dinner is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

#### **Christmas Cards**

I am very sad to ask you not to bring in Christmas cards this year due to our infection control measures and the length of time the Coronavirus virus can survive on paper. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

As ever, if you have any queries please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Andrew Smith  
Executive Headteacher

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