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"We Only Reach for The Highest"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Performance Update

I am sorry that due to the government's updated stipulation regarding singing in school, our planned Key Stage Two Christmas Carol Concert has had to be cancelled. The rules insist that we sing in groups no bigger than 15, each child being two metres apart. In addition, children must sing very quietly to reduce the amount and velocity of expelled air. The teacher must then be at least three metres away from any child singing. In fact, the advice also states that singing outside is best of all, but still in groups of 15, with the social distancing rules and children singing quietly.

We had hoped to give you a Christmas carol concert to remember forever, and had made song sheets for you to download at home, so you could join in with the children in your own homes.

I really wanted to spread a little Christmas joy, but I really can't be placing children and staff at risk for this.

The better news is that our Early Years and Key Stage One joint Christmas Performance does go ahead, with the children miming to the songs. I know this isn't quite the same, but I do hope you agree that it is a fine alternative.

Friday 11th December – Own Clothes Day

We are asking all children to wear their own clothes to school next Friday, as this will be their Christmas Party day. This year, the parties will be a little different but I am sure that the children will have a wonderful time, just as they always do. Information regarding the timing of our Nursery Party has already been sent home to parents of Nursery children.

P.T.A. – A Massive Thank You

The P.T.A. committee members have spent the last two days working as hard as Santa's elves are right now! They have been preparing all the games the children will be able to take part in next week for our School Fair afternoons (Tuesday 8th and Friday 11th December). The work they have put in for all our children is just remarkable and I can't thank them enough.

Remember to donate through Parent Pay if you can, so we continue to build up our P.T.A. coffers so that we can maintain our enriched offer for every child in school.

If you have not yet sent in £2 for our pantomime, please do so if you can. £2 in an envelope to your child's class teacher please.

Christmas Holiday

I know that some local schools are breaking up for Christmas at different times this year but a reminder that we break up on Friday 18th December at our usual staggered home times. Every year we do break up for Christmas at 2.00 pm, but this year I don't want to do this because I want to maintain our staggered pick up times, which are working very smoothly at the moment.

Sending School any Covid Related Updates During the Holiday

During the holiday, please email school on my email address:

csearle@worthingtonprimary.co.uk if your child tests positive for Covid-19.

I remain the track and tracer for our school throughout the holiday, and in order for me to keep everyone as safe as possible, I do need to know if any of our children or staff catch the virus.

I am asking you to use my email address, rather than the admin address on this occasion, as this will remove the need for me to physically come to school each day. In the event of a positive case, I will then email you via Parent Pay. Please be on the look out for these emails, as I really do not want any of us spreading the virus to our loved ones – be they elderly, vulnerable or otherwise - over the Christmas period.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Searle', written in a cursive style.

Mr. C. Searle