



11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am starting the newsletter this week with an action for all parents and carers! We will be sharing the Christmas performance through a secure app called 'MarvellousMe Parent.' This can be downloaded from the app store at no cost. We will be sending the filmed performance through this app then from this point onward we will be using it to share key group information, photos and messages. Mrs Deane and Miss Bates have been fully trained on the app and will be able to answer any questions that you have.

**On Monday we will give out letters with your child's individual joining code. Please download and join by Thursday when we will send the filmed performance out.**

### **Photographs**

We have your orders in school! We are quarantining them as they have entered from an external source and will give them out on Monday. What photogenic children we have! You can still order directly from the photographer using the details provided on your proof.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you so much for your feedback and comments on our recent 'Autumn Term Survey.' We have attached the results to this e-mail for you to see. We have removed the comments as children and parents were identifiable but these were read by all staff and will be presented in some form to governors.

We are delighted with the positive feedback as this has assured us that our strategies in place are working for most parents. If catch up calls or any other form of communication is not working for you, please do get in touch with me directly and we can work towards ensuring that all parents receive the information they would find valuable.

### **COVID – 19 Update**

#### ***One-way system***

There have been a number of bubbles in local schools closing towards the end of term and we are aware that the relaxation of rules over Christmas could have an impact on the infection rate. In response we will be reviewing our risk assessment but one immediate action we have taken is to ensure all parents follow the school one-way system. Please ensure that you exit from the gate in the lower garden. There is wheelchair/pushchair access



down the slope if required. Please do call the school office if you have any difficulties at collection points and we will offer any support we can.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

I can confirm that we will be open next Friday. This will be our last day of term. We will open for our usual hours although there will be no after school club on this day. We are aware that lots of local primary schools are closing earlier. If you wish to collect your child any earlier than usual, please let us know when you drop them off and we will get them ready for pick up.

### **Wrapping**

The wrapping is all done! The children's present of a book from Santa is all organised. Thank you so much for your help. The children will receive these on Wednesday when they might find Santa sitting somewhere socially distanced on our grounds...how exciting!

### **The Gift Shed**

We have put a selection of donated gifts in the book shed today. This can be accessed at any point from now. If you are aware of a family in your community who are really struggling to provide gifts for their children, please do make them aware of the shed or take a selection of gifts for them.

### **Christmas Performance**

We will have been practicing our 5 Christmas songs to perform for you. The children will be singing and signing for most of them. We are not sure the performance will be entirely polished or pitch perfect but there is an abundance of enthusiasm! We cannot wait to film and send out. If you have not yet indicated if you do or do not give permission for your child to be in the filmed performance, please let us know by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

### **Suggested activity for Home – A Christmas Tree!**

We have attached to this e-mail the words to one of our Christmas performance songs. Ask your child to share the actions to this song we have been learning!

**Hayley Yendell**  
**Headteacher**