



Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have received further advice from Public Health England that we are to remain in Amber Level for the final 3 weeks of term. We understand that this might be disappointing news but given that the rates of Covid-19 in the South West remain the highest in the country, it is important that we follow the guidance to keep everyone safe and importantly, to ensure that the children can continue to come to school.

Despite being in Amber Level, we will continue with our Christmas arrangements as planned and the children will still participate in the wide range of traditions and celebrations that we enjoy at this time of year. Please see below for reminders and updates on our Christmas plans for the next few weeks:

- You recently received the children's own Christmas card designs and have returned your orders to the PTFA. We will let you know when the cards are ready to be sent home.
- **Friday 3rd December - PTFA Mufti Day:** Children are welcome to wear any weather appropriate clothes of their choice, there is no theme. If your child has PE on this day, please ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear.

Key stage 2 children to bring £1 each and Key Stage 1 children are asked to donate an item to create hampers, which parents will have the chance to win:

- Wagtails: Chocolates
- Pipits: Sweet Treats
- Robins: Savouries
- Goldfinches: Drinks
- Puffins: Jars
- Kingfishers: Toiletries
- Owlets: Any of the above.

Books of raffle tickets will be sent home with each family on 3rd December.

- **Tuesday 7th December - Theatre company performance:** Covid-19 restrictions within Amber Level mean that the children are not able to gather in large numbers inside. We have therefore had to make changes to the theatre experience for the children as follows:
On 7th December, children in KS2 will watch the live pantomime, The Sword in the Stone.
During the week commencing 6th December, children in KS1 will watch a video recording of a live theatre performance of The Reluctant Dragon. Before watching the performance, they will take part in a singing workshop, where they will also learn the actions to the songs and will take part in prop making activities to make this a fully interactive experience. This fits in perfectly with the

children's learning about knights and dragons and gives an opportunity for full participation during the performance. The school and PTFA have covered the cost of the pantomime performances for all children so there will be no cost to parents.

- **Tuesday 14th December 6pm - Whole School Christmas Carol Celebration:** We are planning to hold this event outside during the evening of 14th December, to allow parents to attend and for the classes to perform together safely and in-line with our Covid-19 guidance. We will be issuing 2 tickets per family next week, there will be no cost for the tickets. This event is weather dependent and if it is not able to go ahead as planned, we will make alternative arrangements to record the event to share with parents.
- **Wednesday 15th December - Children's Christmas lunch and party day:** children to come to school in Christmas jumpers (if they have one) or party clothes. They will have their Christmas lunch, take part in Christmas activities and play party games in their classrooms.
- **During December - Christmas cards:** Should the children wish to bring Christmas cards into school for their friends, they are very welcome to do so. Post boxes will be available from 1st December to 10th December and cards will be quarantined before we send them home from 15th December.

We thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes

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Headteacher