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27th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week - the weather has definitely turned, and it's great to see all the array of warm coats and hats being worn on the way to school.

Following yesterday's announcement regarding the national tier system, I just wanted to update you on a few matters.

Milton Keynes Tier 2 Changes

As I am sure you are aware, the recent guidance has been announced and Milton Keynes has been placed in Tier 2. With the change of guidance, we have been advised that we can recommence with activities that have normally been taking place in schools. Therefore, from Wednesday (2nd December), all peripatetic lessons will be back in school (unless you have a specific arrangement with the teacher). Hotshots will start up again on Wednesday 2nd December, and all other clubs can recommence. The specific nature of each club and its specific arrangements will be communicated over the next few days, should you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Obviously, under the current climate, and the nature of the tier system, we have to operate a flexible approach. Should the authority move to Tier 3, we will again need to be reactive and may revert back to the lockdown principles- thank you in advance for your understanding.

The run up to Christmas

As mentioned last week, the Christmas card post boxes will be around the school next week, and will continue to the following Friday - following this they will be placed in quarantine and cards delivered in the last few days.

Obviously, with the current restrictions and bubbles, this year's Christmas events will not quite be the same, but it is important to us to give a memorable run up to Christmas. Therefore, some of the key dates are (more details to follow closer to the time):

Friday 11th December- Last day of Christmas Cards, and National Christmas Jumper Day- mufti for all

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December- Year 3 and Year 4 filming of Christmas performance (More details to follow closer to the time about how you will be able to view the final product).



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Thursday 17th December- FoOMS Christmas Party Day- (Mufti for all) and Christmas Lunch (this year instead of a usual Christmas lunch, we will be doing Christmas Party Bags, including all the traditional Christmas and Boxing day foods (Please see ParentPay to order).

Friday 18th December- Last day of term - Whole school mufti and staff video performance for the pupils.

Travel to School Parent Survey

Thank you to all of you who filled out the Parent Survey to give us your thoughts on travelling to and from school. We are committed to provide as much assistance as possible in making travel both safer and more environmentally friendly wherever we can. It's enormously positive to see how many of you travel to school on foot and acknowledge that the parking situation is still an issue for some. Whilst we continue to be limited by the COVID-19 situation, we will attempt to provide further options and assistance when allowed - in particular, responding to requests for access to school bus services and better provision of cycle storage facilities on site. Please do keep an open dialogue with the school and let us know of any specific issues or initiatives you would like us to explore.

Community news.

It is wonderful to hear that two of our pupils Amelie S and Evie C in Year 4 are walking for Willen Hospice this weekend, they were originally inspired by Captain Tom and wanted to do something for the local community. They have already raised £400 through their Just Giving site. I'm sure that you would agree with me in congratulating the girls on such a great achievement. Well done girls!

And finally

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Monday 30th November. Thank you for all your support, we are in ever changing scenarios and your support is very much welcome.

Best wishes

Glenn Young

