

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Week 15

Welcome to week 15 of autumn term. We finally made it to the end of term. It's nearly Christmas and we can almost say goodbye to 2020!!

### Covid

It is very important that you still maintain vigilance over the holidays. Picking through the messages we get from government can be tricky, but we should all be careful about who we mix with. Most importantly

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- Between 23 and 27 December, you can form a "Christmas bubble" comprised of people from three households

However, this is not a target and they would prefer it if you avoided unnecessary mixing.

It is also vital you continue to let us know if you or any of the children have a positive test over the holidays. If it is in the first few days then I would need to alert others to isolate as they might have had contact in the last 48hrs.

If it is later in the holidays then we would need to think about how it would impact the return to school in January.

PLEASE TEXT ON 07395 126470 if you have a positive test.

You may have seen in the news that rapid testing is being rolled out in schools. This would appear to be in secondary schools for now but I will not perform or allow to be performed any invasive tests on children without parents' permission.

### Non-Covid

If you qualify, you should have received vouchers for 2 weeks free school meals for each child.

If you haven't yet, please don't panic as they seem to have been trickling through during the week. Please note, our involvement in this is just supplying names to the company. I believe the vouchers say they are from us but they aren't. If you have any difficulties then really you need to email [support@schoolvouchers.com](mailto:support@schoolvouchers.com) or [hello@wonde.com](mailto:hello@wonde.com)

We have lots of books for the lending library. Please feel free to borrow one over Christmas.

Finally...

There have been lots of lovely messages recently on Facebook about how parents feel we have done an excellent job dealing with covid and helping the children. I have to say this means a massive amount to all of us. It is really heart-warming to hear supportive messages and kind words. Thank you so much.

On behalf of all staff and governors, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay safe and see you in January.

Please do continue to check the website for updates. We post information and school-specific guides there.

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Thank you ☺