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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term 2 we would like to share some important dates and information.

#### Christmas Outdoor Performance Important Arrangements

We are looking forward to seeing you at our outdoor, Christmas performance of songs and instrumental solo items this year in the playground. This socially distanced event, for parents and carers, will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm. We are really hoping the weather is kind to us however, if the weather is very poor we will be able to film our performance and share this with you digitally. We will let you know by email if the performance is not taking place due to poor weather.

We very much appreciate in advance your cooperation with the following guidance to keep us all safe and well. We regret that we are unable to extend invitations to wider family bubbles.

I will be available to meet parents/carers at the large gate in the playground from 2.05pm and will ask you to hand sanitise and to enter the playground wearing face coverings. Socially distanced 'stars' will be drawn on the playground and you will be asked to stand on your star and to maintain a 2m social distance from others for the duration of the performance. We have a very limited number of seats on the picnic benches. We would like to keep these for anyone who would benefit from having a seat. If you would prefer to watch the performance from the playground fence, please feel free to do so, whilst maintaining a 2m social distance from others. Please feel free to take a cup of something fine and hot with you to keep away the winter chills! Santa has made us aware that he will be passing by the school to deliver his Christmas presents to the Ollaberry bairns after the performance has finished. We will listen out for his bells!

Please do not attend our Christmas Outdoor Performance if you or anyone in your household is displaying COVID-19 symptoms. The main symptoms to look out for remain -

- a new, continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.

Information on arranging corona virus testing can be found at -

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

If your child does not require their place on school transport after the performance, please let Vikki know by Friday 11 December so that we can make the transport operator aware of this.

Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that Christmas jumper day is on Friday 11 December. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they can wear something Christmassy e.g. a piece of tinsel. We do not wish to incur additional costs to anyone.

#### Christmas Parties

Each class will have their own party on the afternoon on Tuesday 22 December. If the children want to wear party clothes, they should come to school already dressed in these. A small snack and drink will be provided.

#### Christmas Cards

Our own Christmas Postbox is now available and pupils wishing to 'post' cards to their friends. The last day for 'posting' is Thursday 17 December to allow time for quarantining items, sorting and delivery to learners.

#### Christmas craft

On Tuesday 22 December, each child will take home a bag containing any Christmas items they have made and their cards from friends.

#### Term dates

Schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22 December  
The in-service day for staff will take place on Wednesday 6 January.  
Children will return to school on Thursday 7 January.

Yours sincerely

**Julia McGinlay**

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