



## Arrangements for Last Week

As we approach the last week of term, I would just like to remind you about arrangements for various things happening next week. On **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, the children will have their Christmas lunch and also their class parties in the afternoon. Although things are very different this year, we want to try to make it special for the children.

On Tuesday, children can wear their party clothes to school. Please can you ensure that the children wear sensible shoes/a few layers of clothing as they will still be going outdoors during the school day. It is also extremely important that they wear a coat to school too. On **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, children can wear Christmas jumpers or red/green clothes. During the last week, the children will also enjoy a virtual pantomime from the comfort of their classrooms! They will be provided with a drink and packet of crisps each during the performance. Throughout the week, the children will remain in their bubbles so that we can ensure the safety of the children and the staff.



## Recent Government Announcements

As you are probably aware, the government announced earlier this week that schools could choose to have Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as an Inset day. However, due to the disruption it would cause to our many working parents, we have made the decision to continue to have Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as a teaching day for our children. Although the staff are all exhausted after a mentally and physically draining term, we feel that it would be selfish for us to announce a change so late in the week, which would not give working parents enough time to sort out childcare arrangements, etc. Therefore, we expect to see all children at school, as normal, on the Friday.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, school closes slightly earlier as it is the end of a full term. The staggered finishing times will work in the same way but starting at 1.45pm-2.00pm for the first group of collections and 2.00pm-2.15pm for the second group of collections. Our After School Club will run from 2.00pm until 3.00pm on this day.

## Report Slips

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who returned the reply slips from the school reports, which were sent home earlier this term. We had a tremendous response – in fact we had the highest return we have ever had! Thank you for all the positive feedback on the teacher videos, it was much appreciated. These videos have now been uploaded on the school website so please feel free to watch them again if you require any additional

information. We will be announcing one lucky winner next week – look out for the details on next week's newsletter! The winning entry will be presented with a Fire Tablet!

