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Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Christmas activities**

Last week the Local Authority asked all schools to review their Christmas activities in light of rising Covid cases in the area. Since then, we have obviously received the news about the Omicron variant and additional measures being implemented. Having carried out a risk assessment, we have unfortunately concluded that we will need to scale down our planned Christmas activities. Therefore, 'Carols around the tree', scheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December is unable to take place. Instead of this, we hope to have a 'Christmas choir' who will sing on the gates during the last week of this term – more details to follow.

We had hoped to run some fundraising stalls at the above event, so instead we will be running a Christmas raffle. Please see the flyer on Dojo - tickets to be purchased on ParentPay, and we will have multiple hampers for the prizes. A reminder that this fundraising is to pay for the coaches to the Beauty and the Beast theatre visit, which are costing our academy £2000. (We decided to try to fundraise for the coaches to reduce the cost of the theatre visit for everyone so please support this worthy cause!)

We are delighted to say that at this stage our Christmas dinner/Christmas Jumper Day (9<sup>th</sup> December) is not affected.

Our Christmas Party Day scheduled for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December has needed to move to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, due to the implications for schools of the newly implemented Natasha's Law: the food labelling required is significant and we wouldn't be able to get this done in time on the Friday.

We are also delighted to say that our theatre trip to see Beauty and the Beast scheduled for Monday 06<sup>th</sup> December is currently still going ahead. A letter will be coming out shortly with further details, particularly around collecting children at the end of the day – expected return time is between 5.00pm and 5.30pm.

On a separate note, I just wanted to let you know that no Christmas performance was planned this year as we are currently having classrooms redecorated and this means that occasionally we need to relocate a class of children into the hall, therefore limiting space for rehearsals and performances.

Many thanks for your anticipated support and understanding, don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via ClassDojo if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Carrigan  
Academy Principal

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